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BRITISH BATTLESHIP FORMIDABLE IS SUNK AND MAJORITY OF THE CREW IS LOST WITH VESSEL THOUGHT TO BE WORK OF HOSTILE SUBMARINE

Over Six Hundred Men Lost With the Great Fighter—British Public Grieves for the Loss of the Men More Than the Vessel, Which Was Fifteen Years Old—Report Says Sunk by Mine or Submarine Boat.

EXACT LOCALITY OF DISASTER NOT GIVEN OUT BY THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY IN REPORT

News from the Battle Fronts on the Continent Overshadowed by Naval Loss—Germans Gain Some Ground in Northern France—Fighting Continues But Aggressive Operations are Lacking.

London, Jan. 1.—The destruction of the British battleship Formidable in the English Channel today by a mine or a submarine boat, although one of those events Englishmen now realize must be expected so long as the British navy is compelled to keep the seas, has caused widespread brief.

This is due, not so much to the loss of the ship, which was 15 years old and cost about $5,000,000, as it is for the men—600 in number—who are believed to have gone down with her. Thus far only 150 men of the Formidable's crew of 750 are known to have been rescued. A light cruiser picked up 80 and a trawler 70. Among the rescued are eight officers and six midshipmen.

The British admiralty has not announced the locality where the disaster occurred and declares that it is unable to say whether the ship struck a mine or was torpedoed, but the inclination here is to believe that a submarine again has been successful in an attack.

News from the battle fronts on the continent was overshadowed today by this latest loss to the British navy, although big battles are taking place along the two fronts.

Fighting in Flanders and Northern France has been confined largely to artillery engagements except near Bethune where the Germans claim they have taken a British trench. They admit, however, the loss of St. Georges, near the Belgian coast which the German official report says it was decided not to re-take owing to high water.

In the Argonne region, where the battle has been almost continuous for weeks past the Germans have made a little progress as an offset to which, however, the French declare they have continued their advance in Upper Alsace.

On the whole the situation seems virtually to have reached a position of stalemate. Neither side has made great impression on its antagonist's line and both being very strongly entrenched, it is considered unlikely that either the Germans or Allies will attempt another general offensive until superiority in numbers is attained by reinforcements.

Much the same situation prevails in Northern Poland where the Germans are reported to have failed to cross the Bzura and Rawka rivers and to have been unsuccessful in advancing along the Pilica river. They are said to be digging themselves in, preparatory to remaining until the hardening of the ground by the frost makes troop movements less difficult.

The growth of the British army is shown by an army order issued tonight constituting six armies of three corps each. Thus several generals who commanded army corps at the beginning of the war now find themselves at the heads of armies.

SURVIVORS DECLARE BATTLESHIP WAS TORPEDOED

London, Jan 2—(3.42 a. m.)—The Daily Chronicle states that survivors of the battleship Formidable report that the vessel was torpedoed both fore and aft early Friday morning and sank almost immediately

The Chronicle's Brixham correspondent, who is authority for the foregoing, says the Captain of the trawler Providence, which rescued 70 survivors who had escaped from the battleship in a cutter, states that other fishing boats were close at hand. The captain expresses the belief that other survivors have been rescued and taken to Dartmouth. He saw no other boats belonging to the Formidable, however.

OLD BUT STILL USEFUL

Germany Robs Great Britain of Battleship—Sunk in British Channel.

London, Jan. 1.—The German war of attrition found another British victim today and robbed the British navy of the 15-year-old, but still useful, battleship Formidable. It was of the same class as the battleship Bulwalk blown up a few weeks ago off Sheerness. Either a mine or submarine is held responsible for the Formidable's fate.

Apparently the loss of life on board the Formidable has been very heavy as only 150 members of her crew are known to have been saved. Officials, however, hold out hope that others may have been picked up.

The exact locality of the disaster has not been revealed but the fact that it occurred in the British channel recalls the circumstance that British ships have been engaged in bombarding the German positions on the Belgian coast and that German submarines on several occasions in the past have attempted to torpedo them.

As in previous disasters to British ships, the casualty list in this case includes many midshipmen, sixteen having been on board the Formidable.

The text of the Bureau's statement follows:

"The battleship Formidable was sunk this morning in the channel but whether by a mine or a submarine is not yet certain.

"Seventy survivors have been picked up by a British light cruiser, and it is possible that others may have been

The British battleship Formidable had a displacement of 15,000 tons, she was 420 feet long and carried a complement of 750 men. She was heavily armored and carried four 12 inch guns, 12 six inch guns and 16 two pounders. She was provided with four submerged torpedo tubes.

The Formidable was launched in 1898 and was a sister ship to the Irresistible and Implacable.

The Formidable had assigned to her, according to the British navy list of December, various fleet officers, and consequently she undoubtedly was acting as a flagship at the time of her destruction. Her captain was Arthur N. Loxley and her commander Charles F. Ballard. Capt. John C. Deed was in command of the marines on board, while the fleet surgeon was Godfgrey Taylor and the fleet paymaster P. J. Long. The chaplain is given as the Rev. George B. Robinson. On board the Formidable were also 16 midshipmen.

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SCARBOROUGH HOUSE WHERE THREE WERE KILLED IN GERMAN RAID

A woman and her two children were asleep in this house in Wykeham street, Scarborough, on the east coast of England, when the German warships made their raid December 16. The three were instantly killed by the shell which tore a hole in the building in the morning before they arose.

M'ADOO WRITES OF WAR INSURANCE

Describes Work of Federal War Risk Board.

AND RATES CHARGED

Letter Addressed to Chairman Alexander of the House Merchant Marine Committee—Lack of Neutral Vessels.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Scarcity of neutral ships to carry the reviving trade between the United States and Germany is emphasized in a letter written by Secretary McAdoo to Chairman Alexander, of the House merchant marine committee, concerning the work of the war risk insurance board.

"Some of the steamship companies," the Secretary said, "are offering boats that have been in port out of use for a considerable length of time, and some, indeed, of such a class as to render it questionable whether they should be permitted to sail on such voyages."

Mr. McAdoo said the board was writing insurance up to $750,000 on cotton cargoes to Germany, the amount being divided between vessels and cargoes. He added that he understood the regular marine insurance companies were not writing policies more freely. He quoted the board as reporting:

"It can be safely assumed that the American and German companies are doing their utmost to relieve the existing situation and to develop a sufficient market to take care of the largest cargo. The German companies have a very special reason for desiring to do the utmost in this direction.

Must Have Different Rates.

"As far as marine insurance is concerned we must differentiate between ships destined to German ports and those to neutral ports with the possibility of transshipment to Germany. As to the latter, the situation is practically no different than which exists in ordinary years. Rates to Rotterdam, Copenhagen and other Scandinavian ports are practically the same as yast year on similar vessels. The size of the market is more than sufficient on such risks to take care of any cargo by a suitable steamer.

"The situation as to shipments to Germany is more difficult, and the available markets is limited to German and American companies. The situation is rapidly improving and the

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FOREIGN COMMENT ON AMERICAN NOTE

British Paper Refers to Wilson as "Candid Friend."

PAGE MAKES A REPORT

American Ambassador at London Describes Attitude of British People Toward the Note—Discussed by Press.

London, Jan. 1.—The Saturday Review describes President Wilson's note protesting against the British attitude toward American shipping as a "document from a candid friend, who, just because he is a friend, can say things which between strangers would be regarded as having too rough an edge." The Review does not think it should be impossible for two governments, who have no wish to find causes for taking the offensive, to reconcile their points of view.

The position of a belligerent with respect to command of the sea, says this paper, is different, even when neutral governments are friends. But this position is determined absolutely by the fact that England has that command of the sea and "can not surrender her right to use it for defeat of the enemy by any means sanctioned under international law."

Regrets Interference.

"Unfortunately, the Review continues, it is necessary to interfere with the custom of neutral countries of selling in the dearest markets, but there is evidence that Britain will "strain to meet every reasonable complaint and made the yoke of the trident as light as is compatible with the object of the British navy."

The Nation says:

"We confess to feeling some regret as to the form of America's note. We wish it had been somewhat differently expressde and despatched in accordance with the accustomed way—we will not say of diplomacy, but of a friendly correspondence.

"There are two ways of conducting a controversy of public interest. A man may give his correspondence the sole benefit of his mind, or he may turn a missive into a missle by despatching one copy of it to the press at or before the hour of its receipt by the person immediately concerned. It appears the American State Department chose the latter course, but there is no call to

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HOW CAPITAL CITY OBSERVED THE DAY

Official Celebration of New Year's is Omitted.

GREETINGS TO WILSON

Rulers of Many Countries Send Best Wishes for a Great Year to Head of American Nation—Quiet Reigned at White House

Washington, Jan. 1.—The usual White House New Year reception, abandoned this year because of Mrs. Wilson's death, was replaced today by a steady stream of foreign diplomats and government officials who called and left their cards with greetings for President Wilson. With the exception of Secretaries Daniels and Bryan, who are in North Carolina, most of the cabinet members came to the White House and left cards.

The President received no callers and made no visits. He played his usual game of golf and took a long automobile ride. The only members of his family with him were Mrs. Francis B. Sayre and Miss Margaret Wilson, his daughters, and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, his cousin. The President began the year by rising at 3 o'clock to push an electric button that opened the Sandiego Exposition at midnight, Pacific coast time.

New Year's greetings to the President from rulers of other nations and from many Americans reached the White House today.

Greetings from Albert

King Albert of Belgium sent the following message:

"On the occasion of the New Year I send you my most sincere congratulations and the wishes I form for the welfare of the great American nation whose generosity to Belgium is of so much help in this time of distress and sorrow".

King George of Great Britain sent the following:

"It affords me sincere pleasure to convey to you on the commencement of the New Year my hearty good wishes for your personal happiness and for the welfare and prosperity of the United States of America to which we are united by such close ties of friendship and intimacy".

Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States, sent the following:

"Please accept my most sincere and respectful wishes for a very happy New Year for yourself, your family and country".

The day in the national capital was unusually quiet. The annual "diplomatic breakfast" by the Secretary of State to the members of the diplomatic corps had been abandoned because of the war and many other time-honored ceremonies which usualy play so important a part in the Washington official new year celebration were omitted for the same reason. In official and diplomatic circles the day was observed with the usual exchanges of greetings, though many of the diplomats were unable to greet old friends of the corps, having become enemies, at least officially, since 1914 was ushered in.

The practice instituted many years ago by the naval observatory in sending a New Year greeting to the countries of the world by an arrangement of wireless, cable and land telegraph was abandoned.

"Under existing war conditions, with

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DEMOCRATS FOR TRADE COMMISSION SELECTED

Davies, Hurley and Peabody Tentatively Chosen.

Other Two Members Must Belong to Some Other Political Party is Provision of Law—To Be Named Soon.

Washington, Jan. 1.—President Wilson was understood tonight to have decided tentatively on three members of the Federal Trade Commission. They are Joseph Davies, commissioner of corporations; Edward N. Hurley, president of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, and George Foster Peabody, a New York banker. Two others are to be selected.

The three men chosen are all Democrats and, if the yare finally decided on, the other two members will be Republicans or Progressives, since under the law creating the commission not more than three members can be of the same party.

Mr. Davies was decided on for the commission as soon as it was created, because of his experience in constructing the bureau of corporations in the Commerce Department, which is to be merged into the new commission. Mr. Hurley, a former railroad man and manufacturer, won the approbation of the President by his work as trade commissioner to the Latin-Americans republics. He is considered an expert on export trade.

Mr. Peabody, it was said tonight, has been reluctant to accept a position on the commission. He is expected to confer with the President on the question soon.

BAD CONDITIONS ONLY TEMPORARY

Fairfax Harrison Optimistic as to South's Future.

WORLD NEEDS COTTON

President of the Southern Railway Declares Clouded Situation Rapidly Clearing Up and Predicts Business Revival.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway, declared today that the war's effect on business conditions in the South was proving only temporary, said the demand for cotton was growing, and predicted a general business revival.

"The world must have cotton," he said. "The demand both for export and for American mills is increasing and there has been substantial increases in prices since the depression was worst. With a larger movement of cotton there will come a pronounced demand for merchandise of all kinds in the South and a general revival of business.

"Southern farmers are meeting the situation by planning to reduce the acreage of cotton planted in 1915 and to devote the land thus released from cotton to other crops and to livestock. Statistics of the Department of Agriculture and reports of the agricultural agents of the Southern Railway Company show substantial increases in the acreage planted in fall grains in every Southern state and the prospect are that a larger acreage of corn will be planted in the spring.

"With a smaller crop of cotton, Southern farmers will be assured of a better price for the crop of 1915 and for that part of the crop of 1914 which must be carried over, and, with a larger production of grain they will profit from the inevitable European demand."

Mr. Harrison added that many Southern manufacturers realized opportunities for export business growing out of the war, and that reports indicated they were taking intelligent steps to secure a share of their trade.

FRAT RULES OUT BOOZE.

Alpha Tau Omega Says No More Served at Official Functions.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 2.—The 24th biennial congress of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity adopted a resolution here today expressing a desire that the serving of liquor at all official functions of the fraternity be abandoned. The debate over the resolution lasted several hours and the mandatory provisions were amended to leave it to the discretion of the entertainment committees.

GIVEN JAIL SENTENCE

For Selling Whiskey With Denatured Alcohol in It—Killed Thirteen.

Middlesbury, Vt., Jan. 1.—A State prison sentence of 12 to 15 years was imposed today in Dr. Don A. Bisbee, a Bristol druggist convicted yesterday of manslaughter in causing the deaths of several persons by selling them liquor containing denatured alcohol. Bisbee admited a violation of the law in selling spirits as a beverage, but said he was ignorant of the presence of the poison.

HEWLETT IS CONFIDENT HE DID GREAT DAMAGE

British Airman Believes He Struck German Battleship.

Leader of the Aerial Squadron That Attacked German Naval Base Recently, Thought to Have Been Lost.

London, Jan. 1.—Experiences of Flight Commander Francis Hewlett during the recent aerial raid on the Germa nnaval base at Cuxhaben were described in an interview with him transmitted to Reuter's Telegram Company from Amsterdam.

Commander Hewlett, who was believed to have lost his life until it was learned yesterday that he had been picked up by a trawler and landed at Muiden, Holland, said he believed he "hit a German warship with one of his bombs."

"I led the airship squadron," said Commander Hewlett. "I ran into a thick fog and afterwards found myself near the coast of Schleswig. I sailed over Cuxhaben and lost my way.

"When the mist had cleared I saw that I had lost my direction. I descened at a certain point, ascended again and flew over the great German fleet and the trawlers which were lying under steam behind Helgoland.

"A formidable fire was directed at me and I replied with several bombs. It is my opinion that I hit one of the German vessels because soon afterward dense smoke arose from her.

"I was unable to find the British fleet. My motor was running hot and I was compelled to descend. I was picked up by a Dutch trawler but destroyed my motor and sank the hydroplane before I boarded the trawler at 1 0o'clock on Christmas morning. I stayed aboard the trawler six days, during a terrible storm."

RUSSIAN DECREE RIGIDLY UPHELD

Last Appeal in Prohibition Edict Fails.

EVEN VARNISH BARRED

Nothing That Contains Alcohol Can Be Sold—Many States and Counties in America Went Dry on First of Year.

Petrograd, (via London), Jan. 1.—The last appeal against Russia's prohibition decree failed Thursday when the councils of Petrograd and Moscow rejected a petition to authorize the recommencement of the sale of beer and light wines. The recent final order to discontinue the sale of all alcoholic drinks was issued with the reservation that the city councils should have the right to appeal for an authorization of the recommencement of the sale of three-per cent. beer and light wines.

The final prohibition order was so unexpectedly issued that there was no opportunity to provide a stock against the coming period of abstinence. Between 6 and 8 o'clock in the evening the merchants received instructions that next day there will be absolute prohibition and hence there was no chance to give warning to eager customers who on a false alarm previously spread abroad lined the streets for hours awaiting their turn to squeeze into the crowded wine shops. The formerly popular restaurants, which managed to weather the Vodka edict, are now almost without patronage.

Lost Hard Fight.

The liquor dealers, restaurant keepers, wine growers and distillers brought all possible influence to bear on the city councils for authorization to sell beer and light wins assisted by the theorists who, approving of general sobriety, thought tha abstinence should come more gradually and that the sudden cessation of the use of the alcohol would have an injurious effect. But despite these influences and the face that not one per cent. of the members of the city councils were tootetalers the councils rejected the petition by a vote on a ratio of more than four to one.

The extreme measures to enforce prohibition even extend to the sale of denatured alcohol, varnish and every conceivable alcoholic compound which are not saleable without a permit.

COLORADO STATEWIDE

Prohibition Became Part of Constitution Morning of the First.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 1.—Statewide prohibition became a part of the constitution of Colorado today with the issuance by Governor Ammons of proclamations putting into effect a constitutional amendment approved at the November election.

Prohibition under the amendment will become effective January 1, 1916.

TEST ARIZONA LAW

Violator Arrested Before Law in Force an Hour—Test Case.

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 1.—Louis Gherns was arrested for selling a pint of whiskey early today, after Arizona's prohibition had gone into effect. His violation of the law and immediate arrest was by previous arrangement, for the purpose of testing the self-executing feature of the prohibition law that the constitutional amendment should go into effect today.

ARKANSAS' ONE WET SPOT

Entire State Dry Except Hot Springs Famous Health Resort.

Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 1.—Hot Springs saloons were reopened at noon today, making that city the only "wet" spot in the state. Saloons in all other cities were closed at midnight last night and under the statutes petitions containing a majority of the names of white adult citizens must be presented to the county court before licenses may be issued. The Hot Springs petition contained about 3,600 names and licenses were reissued without contest from the anti-liquor forces.

PROGRESS IN KENTUCKY

Nine More Counties Join Drys—Only Fifteen Left Wet.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 1.—Nine counties in Kentucky became "dry" at midnight last night, liquor having been voted out last September. Only 15 counties out of 120 in Kentucky remain in the "wet" columns. Officers of the State prohibition league announced today that the fight for statewide prohibition would be made before the Legislature as soon as the law permitted.

TEMPERANCE IN COLLEGE

Traffic in Liquor One of Greatest Evils Says Speaker.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 1.—Traffic in liquor was held to be the one great cause of social poverity and economic waste by Harry G. McCain, extension secretary of the Methodist Temperance Society, speaking today before the convention of the Inter-Collegiate Temperance Association. A great force for improving social conditions, he said lies in an organization of college men to work for prohibition.

"It is futile to talk of the ameliora tion of social suffering while the liquor institution is at work corrupting the very foundation of our social life," he said.

Mrs. Frances E. Beauchamp president of the Kentucky W. C. T. U. declared women have power to force adoption of national prohibition and national woman suffrage.

MEXICAN FORCES STILL FICHTING

Villa Announces He is Subordinate of Gutierrez

POSTPONE CONVENTION

Reconvening of Convention Party at Mexico City Set for Yesterday Delayed Probably for Week, is the Report.

Washington, Jan. 1.—General Villa, in a telegram dated last night in Mexico City to his agency here, denied he has questioned the amnesty proclamations of General Gutierrez.

"I obey and respect the orders of President Gutierres," Villa telegraphed. "I am his subordinate."

Further details of fighting between troops of General Carranza and Villa near Tampico were received today in official dispatches to the Carranza agency.

"General Pablo Gonzales yesterday administered a decisive defeat to the Villaistas at Rodriguez, a few hours ride from San Luis Potosi," one message said. "Several hundred were killed and wounded. He now is pursuing the enemy toward San Luis Potosi.

"General Obregon reports he has dislodged the Zapatistas and Villaistas from their strongest positions at Puebla.

"Vera Cruz itself is almost entirely depleted of soldiers, although a week ago there were thousands in camp here.

"They are marching west from Apizaco on their way to Mexico City. Reports of desertion at Tepic on the west coast are absolutely false."

CONVENTION POSTPONED.

Delayed for Week or More—Was to Have Met Friday.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 1.—Re-convening of the Aguas Calientes convention at Mexico City, set for January 1, probably will not occur for more than a week, according to advices received here today. It was said the delay was caused by friction between the Villa and Zapata elements over military executions.

The delay will prolong General Gutierrez's tenure as provisional president. It was said the Zapata element would oppose his re-election.

From Vera Cruz came reliable reports that summary executions had occasioned disagreements there. Friction was reported between General Obregon, Carranza commander, and some of the Carranza cabinet members.

HEADED FOR CAPITAL

Obregon's Army Expected to Be Before City Soon

Washington, Jan. 1.—General Obregon's Carranza army is "expected to be hammering at the gates of Mexico City in less tha na month" according to dispatches to the Carranza agency here tonight from Apizaco, Vere Cruz.

"All during the day", the dispatches added, "train loads of soldiers have been arriving at this point and hurried forward to join Obregion's army. Cannon, hospital equipment and provisions also are being sent to the front.

"The crushing defeat administratered Zapata yesterday has turned into a wild rout and the enemy is being persued relentlessly.

Generalls Coss and Avaredo are expected to occupy Puebla in the next 24 hours."

M'ADOO WRITES OF WAR INSURANCE

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market is developing under the demand.

"The rates charged are not excessive, taking into account that the ports are on a coast on which it is not safe to assume many aids to navigation have been restored and that salvage operations near that coast, under war conditions, would be almost impossible."

WILSON URGES PROMPT ACTION ON NEW BILL

Blending of Revenue Cutter and Coast Guard Services is Advocated.

Washington, Jan. 1.—President Wilson has written to Democrat Leader Underwood and Chairman Adamson, of the House commerce committee urging prompt enactment of the pending coast guard bill.

"I hope you will not think I am unduly burdening you," he wrote, if I write to express my very great interest in the bill passed by the Senate and pending in the House for consolidation of the revenue cutter and life saving service. It is the highest consequence for the efficiency of both services that the bill should pass and I hope that some chance may be found in the busy hours of the House calender.

The bill will be called up this month with a view to quick passage.

BIG WAR IS DECLARED ON "AMBULANCE CHASERS TRUST."

Lawyers Form Organization to Sue Corporations for Injuries

New York, Jan. 1.—A campaign against the "ambulance chasers trust" so-called by District Attorney Martin of the Bronx, was begun today with the arrest at Bridgeport Conn., of Dennis Murray foreman of linemen for the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad on a warrant charging perjury. Murray was released on bail.

A confession obtained from Murray, according to the police revealed that an organization of influential lawyers exists for the purpose of suing large corporations particularly the New Haven road for slight or imaginary injuries in accident cases.

The alleged perjury in Murray's case concerned his testimony at a coroner's jury a year into the dath of New Haven lineman.

London, Jan, 2.—A Reuter dispatch from Belgrade Four Austrian moniors bombarded Belgrade Thursday. Their fire did slight damage.

Reports from Sofia, Beulgaria, of a serious clash between Servian and Bulgarian frontier guards are officially denied here".

BRITISH BATTLESHIP FORMIDABLE IS SUNK

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PICKED UP BY TRAWLER

Seventy Survivors of Formidable Rescued During Severe Storm

London, Jan, 1 (Midnight) The Tor Bay trawler Providence has landed seventy additional survivors from the battleship Formidable. They were rescued by the trawler during a terrific storm this morning. This makes the aggregate number of saved as far as is known 150.

The rescue was made under dangerous circumstances. The trawler Providence was running before the gale for shelter when her crew discovered the small open boat driving under their lee. After desperate efforts the trawler got a rope to the cutter and brought her to stern.

The navelmen began to jump aboard but even then there was danger of losing men in the 30 foot seas. After a half hour work, however, all were safely rescued. The rope to thecutter was then cut. She was full of water having a hole under her hull which had been stuffed with a pair of trousers of which one man had divested himself for the purpose. Others of the rescued men had little clothing. The naval men had been in the cutter for nearly twelve hours. The crew of the trawler distributed hot coffee, food tobacco among the benumed sailors. When they landed the residents brought blankets, clothing and boots for the survivors and housed them in comfortable quarters.

ARTILLERY EXCHANGES CONTINUE

French Statement Gives Results of Fighting in Some Places.

Paris, Jan. 1.—The French official statement issued this afternoon indicated that the artillery exchanges on the battle front in France had not diminished in severity or frequency. Various places were mentioned where artillery shooting had taken place. At some, no results were given, while at others the French claimed successes, as for instances at Steinbach, in Alsace.

The statement claimed the repulse of six German infantry attacks at a point between the rivers Meuse and the Moselles and said that French aviators had assailed from the air, the railroad station at Metz.

The text of the communication follows:

"From the sea to Rheims there was yesterday hardly anything more than artillery engagements. The enemy bombarded without result the village of Saint Georges and the head of the Bridge position organized by the Belgians at a point South of Dixmude.

Spirited cannonading resulted advantageously for us between LaBassee and Carency between Albert and Roye.

"In the region of Verneetil and in the neighborhood of Blanc Sablon, which is near Crayonne. This last mentioned point we also demolished certain German earthworks.

"In the region of Perthes and of Beausejour we have held the gains made by us on December 30. During all the day of December 31 the activity of the opposing artillery forces was interrupted.

"In the Argonne the enemy attacked violently almost the entire front in the forest of LaGrurie. At certain points he advanced for a distance of 50 yards, but counter attacks were at once delivered.

"In the region of Verdun there have been violent artillery engagements.

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle, to the Northwest of Flirey the German delivered during the night of December 30-31 and in the morning of the 31st no less than six violent counter attacks for the purpose of retaking the trenches captured by us on December 30. Each of these attacks was brilliantly repulsed.

"Our aviators have bombarded at night the railroad stations at Metx and at Arnaville.

"We continue to make progress foot by foot in Steinbach. Here the artillery of the enemy showed great activity during the morning of December 31 but in the afternoon of this day our batteries won a distinctive advantage."

The official communication issued tonight says:

"There is nothing new, as yet, to report of the operations today."

AUSTRIAN COMMENT

Declares Vicious Attacks of Russians Everywhere are Repulsed

Vienna, Jan, 1—(via Amsterdam and London.) —an official announcement on the progress of the war was given out in the Austrian capital today. It refers to events of yesterday and is as follows:

"In Bukowina and the Carpathians, the Russians developed great activity. Our troops are holding their positions on the Suczwa river in the Upper Cseremosz territory, also further west on the ridges of the Carpathians, in the valley of the Nagyag where yesterday near Ockoermezoe, an attack of the enemy was repulsed with heavy losses to him, in the upper Latorreza district, and North of the Uszou Pass. To the west of this pass all other passages over the Carpathians were occupied by our troops.

'In the district of Gorlive and to the northeast of Zakliczyu determined Russian attacks were repulsed everywhere.

"On the Nida everything is quite. Further to the north the attacks of our allies are progressing.

"In the Balkan war everything is quite.

"To the east of Trebinga our artillery compelled the Montenegrins to retreat."

ENGLAND INCREASES FORCE

Army Order Published Establishing Six Armies, With Three Corps Each

London, Jan, 1,—8. —An army order issued tonight announces that the present plan of military organization will be further developed by creation of six armies each to consist generally of three army corps.

The first army will be commanded by Lieutenant General Sir Douglas Haig who headed the first army corps of the expeditionary force, the second by General Sir Horrace L. Smith-Dorrien, the third by Lieutnant General Sir Archibald Hunter, the fourth by General Sir Ian Hamilton, the fifth by General Sir Leslie Rundle, and the sixth by General Sir Bruce M. Hamilton.

This reorganization follows on the absorption of Lord Kitchener's army into the regular army.

BERLIN OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Fighting in East Continues Severe—Lull in Western Operations.

Berlin, (by Wireless to London,) Jan. 1.—The following official communication was given out today at the German army headquarters:

"In the western theatre of war nothing of importance has happened near Nieuport. The idea of re-taking the hamlet of St. Georges which has been completely demolished by the enemy's artillery fire, was abandoned in view of the high level of the water there.

East of Bethune to the south of the canal, we captured an English trench.

'In the Argonne our attacks made further progress. Another 400 prisoners, six machine guns, four mine throwers and numerous other arms and quantities of ammunition fell into our hands. A French camp north of St. Mihiel was set on fire by our artillery. Attacks at Flirey and west of Sennheim which were repeated yesterday were repulsed.

"In the eastern theatre: The situation on the East Prussian frontier and in Poland remains unchanged. A heavy mist is preventing all operations."

SCIENTISTS ASK FOR BRAINS OF MIGHTY

That They May Be Examined for Scientific Purposes

American Association for the Advancement of Science Makes Peculiar Request of Financiers and Political Leaders.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—Efforts to induce eminent scientists, captains of finance and political leaders to permit their brains to be examined after death will be made by members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. This announcement was made today at the closing session of the association's annual convention.

Copies of the addresses on the brain made yesterday will be sent broadcast and at the associations' midsummer meeting at San Francisco in August every delegate will be asked to bequeath his brains to specialists for study.

Three members of the association, Dr. Edward Pickering, Harvard; Dr. Henry Skinner, Academy of Natural Science, Philadelphia, and Dr. L. O. Howard, Washington, permanent secretary of the association announced that they contemplate bequeathing their brains to the cause of scientific investigation.

"Science has studied the brains of plenty of murderers," declared Dr. Howard, but it is not often a brain of a man of really high calibre may be contemplated with those of criminal or men of lower mentality."

HALF MILLION PRISONERS.

Held in Germany Excepting Civilians Interned, is Official Report.

Berlin, via London, Jan. 1.—War prisoners held in Germany at the end of the year numbered 8,128 officers and 577,875 men, according to a summary issued from headquarters today which points out that the list does not include civilians interned in Germany nor the prisoners taken during the pursuit in Russian Poland or those in transport.

Of the number the French contribute 3,459 officers, including seven generals, and 215,905 men; the Russians 3,575 officers, of whom 18 are generals, and 306,290 men; the Belgians, 612 officers, including three generals, and 36,857 men, and the British, 492 officers and 18,828 men.

Headquarters declares the report that 1,104 German officers and 134,700 men are prisoners of war in Russia is misleading, since the list includes interned citizens. Probably not more than 15 per cent of the total are military prisoners, it is declared.

GERMANY DENIES REPORT.

That She Was Ready to Make Peace With France Separately.

Berlin (by Wireless), Jan. 1.—A Paris dispatch to the Journal de Geneve of Geneva, Switzerland, saying Germany was willing in September to conclude a separate peace with France, elicited today a categorical denial from the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. The Paris report says the basis of peace was to be restitution of Alsace and Lorraine to France and the acquisition of Belgium by Germany.

VAN DYKE HAS BEEN ACTIVE.

American Ambassador at The Hague Active for Home Interests.

The Hague, via London, Jan. 1.—Minister Van Dyke has been active recently regarding the importation into The Netherlands of cotton seed oil, an American product which, though undoubtedly is not as yet on the British contraband list. Mr. Van Dyke wishes to clear the status of cotton seed oil in order to eliminate possible ensuing difficulties should its importation be undertaken.

CONDITIONS UNCHANGED

Is Official Vienna Report Reaching Amsterdam Last Night.

Amsterdam, (via London), Jan. 1.—The following official communication from Vienna was received this evening:

"Fighting in the Carpathians and in Bukowina continues but the situation is unchanged.

"The enemy attacks both day and night at Biala and South of Tarnow (both in Galicia), our troops inflicting heavy losses an dtaking 2,000 prisoners and six machine guns.

"'North of the Vistula fog hinders the operations but slight progress has been made there.

"In the Southern war theatre nothing has happened."

WAR ENDS THIS YEAR

President Poincare of France So Declares to Foreign Diplomats.

Paris, Jan. 1.—Prediction that 1915 would see the end of the war was made by President Poincare in an address today to foreign diplomats who went to the palace of the Elysee to present New Year's congratulation's

The British ambassador, Sir Francis Bertie, as dean of the diplomatic corps, presented the congratulations of his colleagues and himself. In his address Sir Farncis remarked that the diplomats present comprised "representatives of the nation fighting at the side of France and of other nations where neutrality imposes special duties on this grave crisis."

American Ambassador Sharp was among those present. He was accompanied by three former ministers who are aiding him at the embassy during the war—John W. Garrett, H. Percival Dodge and John G. Coolidge. President Poincare exchanged New Year's greetings by telegraph with General Joffre and kings of Great Britain, Belgium and Servia and the Emperor of Russia.

HOW CAPITAL CITY OBSERVED THE DAY

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so large a proportion of the cable and telegraph circuits out of commission or commandeered- for military purposes, the officials said the feat of girdling the globe was impracticable.

Both Houses of Congress had adjourned until Saturday.

BERLIN'S CELEBRATION QUIET

Striking Illustration of Effect of War on German Citizens

Berlin, Jan, 1,(via The Hague and London.) —Berlin showed strikingly last night for the first time since the war's outbreak that the life of the city is not proceeding normally. Customary celebrations to welcome the new year were almost entirely lacking.

Mery throngs which formerly crowded Berlin's thoroughfares on New Year's eve were re-placed last night by a limited gathering whose seriousness of mien gave the occasion a distinctly solemn aspect. There was no noise. Even the customary "prosit neujahr" was missing.

The same quiet prevailed everywhere. All ammusement places were closed at 1 o'clock.

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turn an error of tact into one of substance.

'For the rest there is no deeply serious cause for complaint. It was inevitable that a nation not at war should fail to understand the difficulties of one that is, especially when the interest of belligerent and neutral conflict."

A War of Ammunition.

The nation says the war, to some extent, one one of economic exhaustion, but more one of ammunition, which it declares already is approaching the period of deterioration. The Allies, it adds, think it essential to prevent materials of war, especially copper and antimony, from reaching the German army, but that the right of search is not the perfect instrument for this, as it implies the overhauling of cargoes and the detention, delay and deterioration of perishable goods. It adds that if the United States is hostile on the merits of the war, the process must appear to be an unmitigated nuisance, but if the United States sympathizes with the Allies she must be conscious of a divided mind. She has her own trade interests to consider, it declares, and also is interested in bringing the war to an end and to a right end.

The Nation says each party owes a duty to the other. It expresses doubt if a serious atempt has been made to curtail Germany's food supply and says it hopes that no food will be stopepd unless it is destined for the army. The newspaper considers the enormous Italian imports of copper probably have been due to war preparations.

FRENCH PAPERS COMMENT

Agree No Danger Exists of Rupture Between Nations.

Paris, Jan. 1.—Extensive comments on the American note to the British government are appearing in the French press. It is agreed that no danger exists of a rupture of the excellent relations between the United States and England, France and Russia.

America, it is said, of all nations, would avoid any unjust policy. Several newspapers say that President Wilson's own reference to the sharp practices employed by some American shippers appear to justify the precautionary measures which have been taken.

Germany, the newspapers declare has inaugurated new methods of warfare, which are criticised severely. Because of these measures, it is asserted, it has been necessary for the Allies to defend themselves vigorously and all measures adopted have been dictated by necessity.

The general opinion is that there will be little difficulty in making satisfactory explanation to the American government along those lines.

ITALY IS IMPRESSED

Favorable Comment on the Note by European Neutral.

Rome, Dec. 31.—The American note to Great Britain protesting against the interference with American merchantmen has produced an excellent impression here, not only because it may tend to avert exactly the same difficulties encountered by Italian commerce, but also because it is hoped it may lead to a more concrete set of international rules protecting the commerce of neutrals in their rights while still safeguarding the rights of belligerents.

The American ambassador here is working to secure an amelioration of conditions interferring with American commerce.

PAGE MAKES REPORT

As to Attitude of British People Toward Recent Note.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Ambassador Walter Hines Page, in a long report from London today following his conference with high officials there, described the general attitude of the British government and people toward the American note of protest concerning shipping as entirely friendly. He said a reply had been promised within a few days.

The Ambassador detailed British criticism, whose tone he regarded as on the whole reasonable and amicable. In some quarters, not among officials, he found a disposition to search for a motive behind the American note, some Englishmen suggesting that Washington had been compelled to yield to pressure from members of Congress representing constituencies affected by trade interruptions. This portion of English public opinion seemed to think the American note was intended to some extent for home consumption.

Washington officials pointed out tonight that there was not the slightest foundation for such a suggestion as the note was not originally intended for the press. It is understood that Ambassador Page had anticipated mistaken impressions by assuring the British government informally that the United States was thoroughly in earnest. The note was phrased in a candid and frank manner, he is understood to have explained, particularly because it was not written for publication. As the synopsis leaked out, however, the ambassador had been instructed to arrange for publication of the complete text.

British Papers Corrected.

Incidentally the ambassador cabled that the British goverpment had corrected English newspaper reports which spoke of a discourtesy in premature publication. Mr. Page reported that Lord Haldane, in charge of the foreign office, was informed of the contents of the communication before the first intimation of the contents of the note was published.

Officials read the views in the British press with much interest. The argument that England is fighting what she believes to be a life and death struggle, it was pointed out, was fully recognized in the American note, but it was contended that delays and detentions exceeded the manifest necessity of a belligerent.

The general belief in Washington is that a common ground will be reached in future diplomatic correspondence whereby definite arrangements will be put into effect to relieve American exporters of uncertainty.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR STATE NORMAL LARGER

If the Legislature Responds to Appeal to be Made

Report Filed With Governor Shows Good Year and Fine Work—Series of Farmers Institutes Planned.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1.—President J. I. Foust and the members of the board of directors of the State Normal and Industrial College, finished up their biennial meeting here this afternoon and made public a statement as to the affairs of the institution. President Foust, however, would not make public any indication as to what appropriations will be asked of the Legislature for extension of the plant and the work of the institution. He did say that there will be requests for some increase in maintenance and for some necessary permanent improvements.

The president's report showed steady growth for the past two years. The total enrollment for the school year 1912-13 was 1,146, including the summer school, and for the past year, 1,343. In the 22 years of the institution's life the enrollment has been 6,031 and there have been 717 graduates all except 33 of whom have rendered service to the State as teachers. There have been added to the plant of the college the past two years two dormitory buildings to accommodate 120 students. A number of new lines of work have been added during the past two years, especially an extension work in home, school and community improvement. Also there has been put in service a regular high school visitor whose duty it is to visit the high schools of the State and make suggestions and keep the college in Members of the board of directors close touch with the high schools. Members of the board of directors expressed themselves as especially pleased with the showing made by the college along all the lines of effort. The report was filed with Governor Craig for transmission to the General Assembly.

Collector of Internal Revenue J. W. Bailey gave out a statement today as a final word relative to the charges against Postmaster Willis G. Briggs, which Congressman Pou has put aside as not warranting any such thing as recommendation for removal or other drastic steps. Mr. Bailey's special effort is to finally put an end to insinuations that there has been any Democratic politics in the whole matter. He declares that the only part any Democrat has had in the whole matter has been "the part taken by Pou, our Democratic congressman, in coming to the rescue of Postmaster Briggs and saving him from the findings of a Republican postoffice inspector. And it took a Democrat to do it." The statement issued by Mr. Bailey is addressed to the Editor of the Greensboro News, and is in sharp criticism of the Washington and other correspondents of that paper bearing on the matter.

Farmers' Institutes Planned.

Director T. B. Parker, of the division of farmers' insttitues, State Department of Agriculture, announces a series of farmers' and women's institutes to be held in the eastern and central section of the State during January and February. The special workers for these institutes include A. L. French, Rockingham county; J. D. Bullock, Beaufort county; G. M. Garren, Raleigh; J. Rives, Lee county; J. P. Kerr, Alamance county; W. N. Hutt, Raleigh; Mrs. J. W. Robinson, Catawba county; Mrs. J. Henry Slagle, Macon; Mrs. Carrie H. Garren, Raleigh; Miss Margaret Scott, Alamance county; Mrs. W. N. Hutt, Raleigh; Miss Jane Ward, Raleigh.

There will be 76 institutes for women held and 85 for farmers, covering the entire eastern and central sections of the State with as many as half dozen institutes held in some of the larger counties.

SHOULD PAY STATE MALITIA

Governor of Illinois Thinks Government Should Foot the Bill

Springfield, Ill., Jan, 1,—"If the National Government wishes the states to maintain a citizen soldiery it should furnish in the shape of pay for their time a greater incentive to young men to become soldiers" was the declaration today of Governor Dunne, addressing officers of the Illinois National Guard on their annual new year's call. The governor declared that training of state troops was for the benefit of the National government.

"Soldiers who have attended 40 or more weekly drills in the course of a year should be paid at least $1.50 for each night so spent" said the Governor. "If the national Government wishes young men of Illinis to attend drills that they may become proficient soldiers then they should be paid for each night they attend drills".

CONSIDERATE OF VAN DYKE

Steamer Not Searched Because American Ambassador Was on Board.

London, Jan. 1.—Through consideration for Henry VanDyke American minister to The Netherlands, the British government permitted the steamer Nieuw Amsterdam on which he returned recently from New York to Rotterdam to proceed without being searched, notwithstanding suspicious circumstances. Subsequently it was discovered that five members of the crew were Germans who worked their way over and then proceeded into Germany.

It is said here several other German reservists also were aboard with false passports from neutral European countries and that they went from Rotterdam to Germany.

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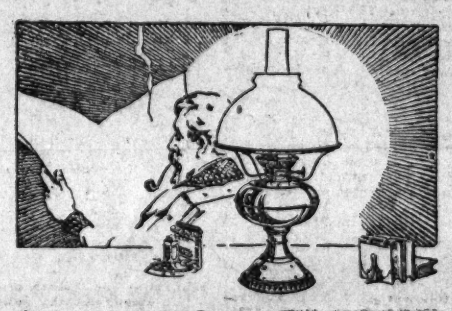

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NEW SYSTEM FOR THE N. C. NATIONAL GUARD

To Be Rigidly Observed In Handling Finances

To be Put Into Operation With the New Year—State Treasurer's Report Shows Balance of $21,000 —Raleigh News

(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1—Beginning with the New Year there is being put into operation by Adjutant General Laurence W. Young, of the North Carolina National Guard for all the companies and other units of the Guard, a new system of "accounts current" to be rigidly observed by the captains of the companies in keeping up with the finances and making reports to the Guard headquarters here. The new system is declared to be especially simple and accurate with every safeguard for the mutual protection of the government and the officers handling the government funds and properties to be kept track of and reported. The blanks for putting in operation the new system were sent out from Guard headquarters here today.

$21,876 IN STATE TREASURY.

But Estimated Expenses for Next Two Years Exceed Estimated Income.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1.—Showing an actual available balance of $21,876 in the State Treasury at the close of the fiscal year and estimated income of $6,598,930, and $6,634,671 estimated expenses for the State during the years 1915 and 1916, State Treasurer B. R. Lacy today filed with Governor Craig his biennial report to be transmitted to the Legislature to convene next Wednesday. The Treasurer explains that the balance of $164,572 shown by the books of the Treasury December 1st as examined by the legislative committee did not include amounts due on the 1914 appropriation for high schools and warrants which were in course of collection, which brought the actual balance down to $21,876.

In estimating the revenue for the next two years at $6,598,930, Treasurer Lacy bases his estimates on the record for the past two years and probable increase for the next biennial period. The estimate includes an estimated increase of $64,000 or more from the counties on corporation taxes for each of the two years, this being the ratio of increase of 1913 over 1912, with much more marked increase in 1914 over 1913, due to some extent to 1913 dues running over into 1914 for payment. He also figures on small increases from department revenues. He also figures on an increase of $50,000,000 in tax assessment valuations for the next year.

Treasurer Lacy gives his estimated sources of revenue for the next two years as follows: A. & N. C. Railway dividends, $75,996; bank stock, $131,780; B. & L. stock $13,689; private corporations $596,491; public corporations, $887,859; fees from departments, $86,013; inheritance tax, $36,571; insurance companies $625,817; licenses direct to the State Treasurer $48,874; North Carolina Railroad dividends $420,028; oil inspection tax, $91,000; seal tax from departments $6,109; taxes from counties $3,299,167; miscellaneous receipts $2,455; estimated increases $275,000. Total including present treasury balance of $21,876, $6,598,930.

Of the estimated expenditures for the next two years the Treasurer puts State department expenses at $203,676; maintenance of schools and colleges, $2,583,240; hospitals and asylums, $1,114,500; and as miscellaneous expenses, $2,733,254. Some of the larger miscellaneous items of the estimate are: Pensions, $1,018,820; interest on 4 per cent bonds, $474,600; interest on 6 per cent construction bonds, $326,400; judiciary $239,326; State Board of Health, $73,000; public printing $110,248; State Guard, $100,000; State Geological Survey, $30,000.

Of the $2,583,240 estimated to be necessary for schools and colleges the next two years, Treasurer Lacy names $1,471,670 for public schools; $190,000 each for the University of North Carolina and State Normal and Industrial College; $170,000 for A. & M. College, Raleigh; $25,000 for colored A. & M. Greensboro; $90,000 for East Carolina Teachers' Training School; $49,000 for State School for Feeble Minded; $125,000 for School for Deaf and Dumb, Morganton; $145,000 for State School for Blind, Raleigh, and various other institutions for lesser amounts.

The Treasurer explains that in his estimates amounts for institutions are for support only and that no estimates are made for buildings and none for any construction of railroads and calls attention to a slight excess of estimated expenses over estimated receipts for the biennial period. He asks that in making appropriations there be separate items made of appropriations for maintenance and for buildings as the latter can and often must be held off as the condition of the Treasury requires and there would be no excuse for institutions coming up with demands for building appropriations as soon as the appropriations are made. Mr. Lacy calls attention to the fact that all the State institutions and departments have been duly and thoroughly examined by professional accountants.

Special mention is made of the payment of a $3,394 overdraft on Citizens' Bank of Raleigh, for the State to bring about final settlement with the Federal Fire Extinguisher Co., which was due a balance of $11,277, with only $7,928 balance in the Treasury for this appropriation, the Council of State being obliged to procure an appropriation from the Legislature to take care of the overdraft as protected by the bank. He says the State is carrying no other floating debt of any sort. He pays high tribute to his clerical force, Capt. W. F. Moody, chief clerk; Col. A. H. Arrington, Capt. Newman and Miss Warters.

Clerk Cobb is On Hand.

Mr. T. G. Cobb, principal clerk of the 1913 Legislature and the special session of 1914, has arrived from Morganton and is getting ready for the opening of the Legislature next Wednesday when there will, under the law, devolve upon him the duty of formally opening the sessions of the House and presiding until the election of a speaker is completed. Mr. Cobb is a candidate for re-election as principal clerk and says he has every prospect of election without special opposition.

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JOHN A. PARKER PRESIDENT GREATER CHARLOTTE CLUB

Native of Harnett County Rapidly Rising His Adopted City.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 1.—At a special meeting and New Year smoker held by the Great Charlotte club this morning at 11 o'clock in the Selwyn hotel, John A. Parker, one of the prominent members of the Charlotte bar, was elected president of the club, which is Charlotte's commercial organization, to succeed Charles C. Hook, who served as president of the club for the past year and declined reelection.

Mr. Parker will appoint his cabinet Monday. C. A. Kuester, former president of the club, and C. B. Bryant, were elected vice-presidents some time ago.

Mr. Parker has been an active member of the club for several years. He is a native of Harnett county. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1906 and admitted to the bar the same year, locating in Charlote in 1909 and having practiced law here since that time. He is a member of the law firm of Parker & Wilson. He is captain of the Hornets' Nest Riflemen of Charlotte; trustee of the University of North Carolina; was city solicitor here for two years; was once connected with the staff of the Raleigh News and Observer; is a Master Mason and member of the First Baptist church.

WOMAN WRITES OF "GERMAN CRUELTIES."

Miss Gladys Carter Says She Saw Children With Hands Cut Off by Teutons.

Newbern, N. C., Jan. 1.—Miss Gladys Carter, a daughter of Rev. E. T. Carter, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, but who is now in charge of the First Baptist church at Spencer, N. C., is in England and has written to a friend in Newbern in regard to some of the scenes she has witnessed there. Miss Carter was at Chatham on the day that the Aurethusa, which had been damaged in a fight off Helgoland Bight, came in for repairs and she says that the vessel was literally awash with blood and that there were a large number of wounded men on board.

She said: "We saw many queer sights in Chatham. A train load of Belgian refugees came in from Folkstone and among these were several little children whose hands had been chopped off by the Germans, women who were practically nude, their clothing having been cut off by the Teutons' swords. One woman in particular was in horrible shape. She had been slashed across one cheek with a sabre and one could see her teeth through the cut."

"She said the Germans had shot her husband and eldest son and her baby right before her eyes. The hospitals were crowded with wounded and their stories of German atrocities are something horrible."

NEW HOSPITAL OPENS TODAY

Institution at Elizabeth City About Ready for the Suffering.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Jan. 1.—The work of completing and equiping the Elizabeth City hospital is practically finished and the doors of the institution will be thrown open to the public tomorrow for inspection. From January 2 until the 7th, General Manager Dr. John Saliba will be at any time host to the citizens of Elizabeth City and Northeastern North Carolina who may desire to visit the institution to inspect its buildings and equipments.

On the 7th of January, from 2 until 5 o'clock p. m., a formal opening will be held in which all the physicians of Eastern North Carolina and the public generally have been invited to attend. On that date the hospital will be ready to receive patients.

The Elizabeth City hospital at a cost of nearly $40,000, stands a monument to the public spiritedness of Elizabeth City's progressive physicians and business men. Though the institution is a private one, built by a stock company headed by Dr. O. McMullan, president, and Dr. John Saliba, general manager, yet in a broader sense, it belongs to the people of Elizabeth City and Eastern North Carolina, for hundreds of people through the various church and fraternal orders and also by popular donations, have contributed liberally to furnish and equip it, that the opening might be made possible at an early date. The institution supplies an imperative need that has been keenly felt for a long time.

KINSTON NEGRO BRINGS SUIT AGAINST TELEGRAPH COMPANY

Wants $5,000 for Delay in Delivery of Unusual Message

(Special Star Correspondence)

Kinston, N. C., Jan1—William Lawrence, a colored barber who conducts a shop on West Gordon street and is well-known to the white people of Kinston, has brought suit against the Western Union Telegraph Company for $5,000. Lawrence claims that he suffered much mental anguish because a telegram which announced the death of the late Noah Biggs, the famous philanthropist of Scotland Neck, did not reach him until 10:10 on the morning of December 15, although it had been filed at 7:30 P. M. the day before Lawrence was to have been a pallbearer at the wealthy man's funeral, it having been Mr. Biggs request that servants and former servants of his household act in that capacity at the burial. The message was received too late for Lawrence to get to Scotland Neck either by train or automobile in time for the obsequies. Lawrence is a conscientious colored man, esteemed by his acquaintances of both races. He was highly regarded by Mr. Biggs when in his employ, and after his removal to Kinston the colored man frequently alluded to his white benefactor as his "best friend". Employes in Lawrence's shop say that when he received the telegram he broke down and had to leave his work.

ANDERSON HOSPITAL HEAD.

Dr. E. A. Hines Succeeds Miss Cochran. Head Nurse.

Anderson, S.C., Jan. 1—Dr. E.A. Hines, of Seneca, secretary of the State Medical Association, also editor of the State Medical Journal, becomes superintendent of the Anderson county hospital today, succeeding Miss Cochran, who returns to her home in Baltimore. The position of head nurse is created and Miss Kunz, of New York, is appointed.

Information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club cheerfully given by an officer of this bank. American National Bank.—Advertisement. tf

REV. JNO. NELSON COLE PASSES IN CHARLOTTE

Was Beloved Superintendent of Methodist Orphanage

Funeral in Durham Today—Was Nearly 83 Years of Age and Had Been Ill Since Thanksgiving Day, in Charlotte.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 1.—Rev. John Nelson Cole, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, died this morning at 6 o'clock at the Charlotte Sanatorium, where he had been undergoing treatment since Thanksgiving day. The remains, accompanied by Mr. John Nelson Cole, of New York, son of the deceased, and other relatives, will be sent to Durham tomorrow morning and the funeral services will be conducted at Trinity church at that place tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Cole, who was born in Franklinton, February 10, 1852, was one of the best known and most highly honored members of the Methodist denomination in the State.

Death Mourned in Raleigh.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 1.—There is deep sorrow here because of the death of Rev. Jno. N. Cole, for 12 years superintendent of the North Carolina Methodist Orphanage here, Mr. Cole having died this morning at 6 o'clock in Dr. Register's sanatorium at Charlotte, where he went three weeks ago for special treatment because of a serious heart trouble that had developed.

Mrs. Cole had left here yesterday to go to his bedside and others of his immediate family who were with him were his son, J. N. Cole, Jr., a New York newspaper man, and a daughter, Mrs. Plato Durham. He leaves four other children, Marshall and Harry Cole and Misses Mary and Alice Cole.

Rev. Mr. Cole was 63 years old and had been prominent in the Methodist ministry for 40 years. He served the most important charges in the North Carolina Conference, including Raleigh, Wilmington and Durham, and had served ably as presiding elder, always a leading and most influential factor in the affairs of the Conference and the Southern Church. The orphanage here that his death leaves without a superintendent is a most valuable and useful institution worth probably $200,000 and taking care now of nearly 300 children.

The remains of Mr. Cole will be taken from Charlotte to Durham, where the funeral and interment will take place from Trinity church, a former charge of his, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. A large party will go from Raleigh to attend the services.

The news of Mr. Cole's death, while it was not unexpected, nevertheless brings a sense of shock and sadness to hundreds of hearts in the bounds of the North Carolina Conference, where he was best known and loved, as well as throughout the State. His work for the orphan children of the State had brought him into close touch with many homes and lives and his heart was big enough to respond to the call that was daily made on his sympathies.

First news of the death of Rev. Mr. Cole reached Wilmington yesterday in a private message from Mr. Jos. G. Brown, of Raleigh, secretary of the board of trustees of the Methodist Orphanage, to ex-Mayor Wm. E. Springer, of this city, a member of the board of trustees and for years a warm personal friend of Mr. Cole. The news of the death of perhaps no man in the NorthCarolina Conference could have brought more sadness to the hearts of Wilmington people, where Mr. Cole was so well known and so universally beloved. He served four years as pastor of Grace M. E. church, this city, and since his pastorate here, has frequently visited Wilmington, always receiving a cordial and most sincere welcome. His work for the orphanage at Raleigh has been conspicuous and he has brought the institution to a high degree of efficiency. No greater work has been done anywhere than that of Mr. Cole at the Orphanage in Raleigh.

As a writer Mr. Cole was prolific and engaging. He conducted a department regularly in the Christian Advocate at Raleigh and frequently wrote for the secular press along religious and humanitarian lines. He was a master of language and in controversy, whether seriously or in lighter vein, he was well able to take care of his side of any case.

The State and the North Carolina Conference has suffered greatly in his death, which, though not unexpected, will come as a shock to thousands of friends everywhere.

LENOIR NEGROES CELEBRATE

Thousands Observe Emancipation Day at Kinston.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Jan. 1.—Today was the biggest day in 12 months for the negroes of Lenoir county. Thousands of them gathered here to participate in a programme celebrating the 52nd anniversary of the proclamation of emanciuation. Dr. C. D. Hazel, an A. M. E. Zion minister, of New Bern, delivered the oration in the court house this afternoon. Preceding the exercises in the court house, where the splendid music by a massed negro choir and band was a feature, a parade was held, with S. O. Mason, who during the civil war was captain of Company I, Third North Carolina regiment in the Federal service, as chief marshal. Twelve townships in the county had a committee to handle its part of the big celebration.

$200 FOR BELGIANS' RELIEF

Amount Secured by Red Cross Committee in Elizabeth City.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Jan. 1.—W. G. Gaither, Jr., treasurer of the Red Cross relief committee, has forwarded to headquarters a check for $200 for the Belgian relief fund. This is the amount that has been collected by the committee from donations and from the sacred concert which was given in the Alkrama theatre on Sunday, December 20.

The committee will continue its efforts to raise money for this fund.

Mr. Gaither will receive donations at any time for the relief of the sufferers from the European war which will be forward to headquarters at regular intervals.

For information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club, 'Phone 110. American National Bank. tf

(Advertisement.)

WAYNE COUNTY UNIVERSITY ALUMNI HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

Brilliant and Delightful Event at Goldsboro—Prof Branson Speaks.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Jan. 1.—In the attractive rooms of the Woman's Club Tuesday evening the members of the Wayne County Alumni Association of the University of North Carolina gathered in their second annual meeting, lived over again the joys of University days, discussed plans for furthering the influence of their alma mater, and banqueted with two representatives of the Chapel Hill faculty, County Superintendent E. T. Atkinson and this year's graduates of the County High Schools present as guests of honor.

Mr. Thos. O'Berry, president of the association, presided as toastmaster, and most ably did he introduce the various speakers of the evening. Rev. N. H. D. Wilson invoked the blessing.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church served the dinner, which in every respect was thoroughly delightful.

Dr. E. C. Branson, Professor of Rural Economics, selected as the subject of his address "Know Your County." In a practical, pleasing manner and with irresistible logic, he urged the necessity of citizens becoming closely conversant with local conditions as to agricultural productiveness, wealth production, and consumption of home resources. As an example of the vital importance of a section's raising its own foodstuffs, Dr. Branson earnestly discussed the exigencies and lessons of the present European war. He made a special plea to the Association to encourage the movement of ascertaining accurate knowledge concerning the needs and resources of Wayne county.

Dr. Branson was followed by Mr. W. A. Dees, of the local bar, who gave the assurance of the loyalty of the Wayne alumni to assist in any cause making for the benefit of the County or State.

Prof. M. H. Stacy, Dean of the University, brought messages of good will and felicitations from "The Hill." His remarks centered upon the comprehenhensive program which the University under the initiative of its indefatigable "young" president, has entered upon. He showed the possibilities of the extension bureau and the welfare that will accrue to the State through the influence being exercised upon the intellectual life of the Commonwealth. Prof. Stacy made a concise and favorable comparison between our University and the universities of twelve other South Atlantic States. He stressed the amount of financial aid accorded students at these institutions, demonstrating that the average cost per student at Chapel Hill is $92.00 less than the average of all the other southern universities, although only one other charges, as does the University of North Carolina, tuition to academic students, who are residents of the State.

Other short talks, interesting and enthusiastic, were delivered by Rev. Mr. Wilson, Supt. E. T. Atkinson, Messrs. Leslie Weil, J. H. Allen, of Pikeville; W. Rea Parker, K. C. Royall and M. H. Allen.

LOSES BOTH ARMS WHEN HE FALLS UNDER TRAIN

Young Canadian Likely to Die of Injuries Received

Abbeville S. C. Jan. 1—Percy Thopkins, of Antoline street Montreal Canada, fell beneath a moving freight train here yesterday and received injuries from which he will probably die. Thopkins is about 18 years old, is intelligent and appears to be of good breeding. He was caught beating a ride on a train and sentenced to serve thirty days on the chain gang. His general demeanor won the confidence and esteem of many persons. He had completed his term and been discharged. He attempted to catch a moving train when he fell. The train ran over him, severing both arms and one ear. He says his father lives at the address given above.

WILSON GIVES LIBERALLY

Contributions Sent Forward for War Sufferers in Europe.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, Jan. 1.—With the true spirit of the season, Wilson has responded to the call of the sufferers beyond the sea. Mr. J. M. Fleming, manager of the Imperial Tobacco Company, has raised and sent in $1,000 for suffering English and the committee headed by Mesdames U. H. Cozart, W. P. Whitaker, C. A. Thompson and P. L. Woodrad has gathered close to $300 for the Belgians. Some smaller amounts have been sent in by individuals and churches which did not go through the hands of the local committee.

SHOOK NEWSPAPER MAN

Wilson Chief of Police Fined in Mayor's Court

(Special Star Correspondence)

Wilson, N. C., Jan. 1—Chief of Police Wiggs, in Mayor Dickinson's court, submitted to an assault on Mr. R. B. Evans and was fined $5 and costs. The trouble followed continual publications of news matter in certain newspapers represented here by Mr. Evans—Chief Wiggs insisting that in the news stories published he was shown in the wrong light. The assault occurred several days ago when Chief Wiggs gave the correspondent a shaking.

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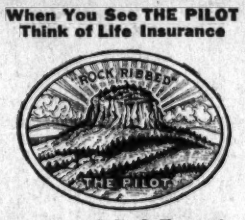

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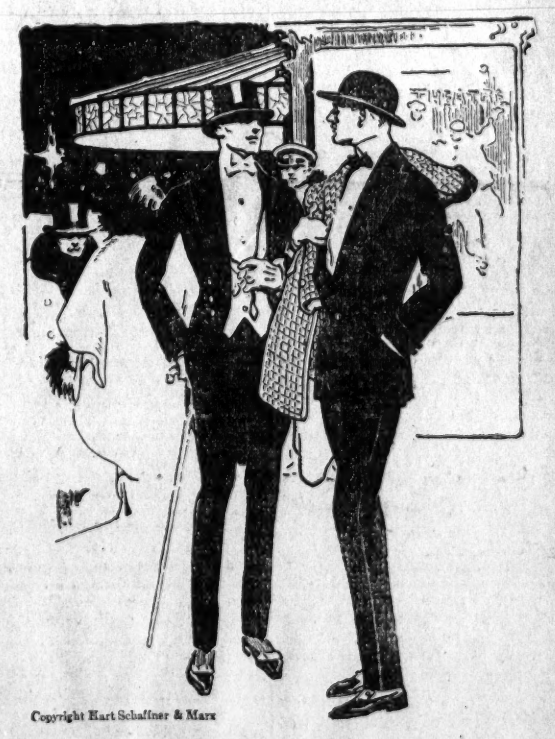

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If you want a hot fight get into a scrap with a lot of patriots.

Of course, prosperity will return but we will have to go after it and make it come back.

Eastern North Carolina must not let Western North Carolina beat her to the commercial dairy proposition.

The question is whether the war in Europe or the Thaw case in America will be the first to come to an end.

Be of good cheer. You might as well be, for being grouchy never got a man a single thing whatsoever. Aint it so, Old Top?

A man who takes a chicken is called a thief but a man who takes a drink is called a robber if it comes out of an unwilling fellow's bottle.

Judging from all reports, the Legislature is going to prohibit the shipment of everything that is liable to puncture the tire of the waterwagon.

Amateur sport devotees are going to be ruled out for playing to the galleries, but the rule will not apply to any of the legislators when they assemble in Raleigh next week.

"Time and tide wait for no man". Here is the new year going right ahead. Do we intend to go right ahead with it? Shall we let time fly while we get behind the times and stay way behind?

The Atlanta Journal is quite correct in asserting that women would be the greatest gossips in the world if it weren't for the men. The worst of all gossips would have whiskers if they didn't shave.

Be up and doing. Sleep at night and work by day; Don't waste the night, then sleep the precious day away. Do your dozing and snoozing when Old Sol is gone, And get on the job when the night gives way to morn.

Young men are coming to the front. This indicates that there is something worth having at the front. If there were anything in the rear, the young men would fall back from the front for purely strategic purposes.

A bourbon is a man who is so set in his ways that he won't admit that it is possible to see through a millstone by using an X-Ray to enable him to realize that there is a modern way of seeing through everything.

When there are difficulties to be met, see them first and get from under. When a man with the nerve and the courage sees difficulties ahead he goes on and overcomes them instead of being afraid that they will overcome him.

The Charleston Post says another heavily laden ship has left California bound for Charleston. South Atlantic ports are beginning to get some of the coast to coast commerce that the Panama Canal will create in larger volume all the while.

New York savings banks report that the past year witnessed a great increase in the number of depositors, while the deposits increased many millions of dollars. One bank alone gained 1,500 depositors and one's deposits increased $5,000,000. How all that happened in the midst of so much calamity howling is astonishing.

The old year is down and out. A year ago it was joyously acclaimed with the tintinabulation of bells and the fanfare of whistles. Today, we have turned our backs on the old year and it is the nemcomer which we greet with glee and embrace with joy. It is "off with the old, on with the new". Yes, 1914 was our sweetheart for a while, but we have thrown her down and the new one is 1915 because she flatters us with new opportunities. If we seize them and make the most of a new span of life, Father Time will take us in as a full fledged member of the family. The New Year is his youngest daughter, but if we waste her time she will leave us in the lurch in less than a year.

REV. JOHN NELSON COLE

Throughout the State, not only among the communicants of his own denomination but among the people of the Commonwealth generally, there is sorrow because of the death of Rev. John Nelson Cole, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, at Raleigh, who passed to his reward yesterday morning in Charlotte. In his death the State, the North Carolina Methodist Conference and the organized orphanage work in North Carolina suffer heavy loss.

Mr. Cole was one of the most beloved men of his denomination in the State and the admiration and warm personal regard that his church people had for him was shared in very large measure by all those who knew him, regardless of church affiliation. He was a man with a big brain and a big heart that throbbed in unison with the hearts of his fellow man. He was the friend of the friendless and a father indeed to hundreds of the fatherless. And for the latter he wrought most effectively. He was the right man in the right place, and never was a more fitting selection made than when he was chosen superintendent of the institution for which he gave the latter years of his useful life.

In Wilmington, Mr. Cole was greatly beloved. For four years he was pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and all the people of the city learned to appreciate him for his fine ability, for his scholarly attainments, and for his earnest, zealous and consecrated devotion to the work of the ministry. He possessed peculiar genius as an organizer and manager, and when a man was needed to take charge of the orphanage at Raleigh, all Methodism turned to him as the man peculiarly fitted for the management of such a sheltering fold for the fatherless and motherless. He loved children and his great heart, as well as his big energies, was set upon the work. He was a tender, watchful, prayerful shepherd, and within the fold his tender flock is bereft of a solicitous guardian who seemed to bear a divine commission as the father of his precious charges.

FOR UNHAMPERED COMMERCE

The full text of the demand of the United States on Great Britain to cease unnecessary interferance with commerce, was published in the Star yesterday. It speaks for itself, and it is now a matter for diplomatic exchanges between the two governments.

The demand is both courteous and reasonable and yet it is firm enough to convince any or all belligerents that this government is in earnest. Much of the interference with cargoes has been unwarranted from an international point of view, hence the handicap placed upon neutral commerce is wholly illegal and unjustifiable. Some of the seizures are clearly arbitrafy, and the delay of commerce is not only expensive but ruinous.

This government is prepared to cite specific cases in violation of the conventions between nations, and it is for Great Britain to disprove them and if it cannot do so, to cease giving this country cause to complain. The right of search and seizure is conceded but there can be no concession for any belligerent to decide arbitrarily for it self what disposition it shall make of commerce.

There is another thing that neutral countries should not concede. That is that the belligerent shall be at liberty to increase the contraband list. International agreements define very clearly the meaning of contraband and for any one nation to be allowed to go beyond that would mean a concession of power to stop all commerce when it so determines.

The diplomats will now wrestle with the questions, and meanwhile there is nothing to do but consider the issues and adjust them in a manner to avoid further friction. It is unfortunate that any complaint should have become necessary but our British cousins forced it and it is a matter which this country cannot afford to ignore. The British government, we think, can be depended upon to meet the issue fairly and recede from some of the objectionable and unwarranted methods it has been pursuing.

THE DAIRYING INDUSTRY FOR THE SOUTH

It will not be the fault of the Agricultural Department at Washington if the South does not become the Nation's greatest cattle raising and dairying region. In every possible way the Department has investigated the adaptibilities and advantages of the South for this industry, and it is after having the question studied from all angles by experts that the Department has issued a bulletin under the caption of "Advantages of Dairying in the South." It is intended for circulation among Southern farmers who desire to diversify their farm operations and get away from the all cotton or all tobacco idea of agriculture.

The present economic crisis affords a fine opportunity to Southern farmers to make a practical study of the different crop and farm economics, so the Department bulletin must prove a timely and valuable aid in that direction. The bulletin severely arraigns the one-crop system and shows that it is an economic mistake. It presents striking arguments why the South, with all its crop versatility and farming advantages, should become the great center of diversified farm industry. One crop, it is set forth, means a cash income but once in a year, while it tends to an unequal distribution of labor the year round, since the off season for labor causes farm hands to live precariously or to shift about for employment after the one-crop season. It is also demonstrated how planting one crop all the time exhausts the lands and accounts for a low rate of production in the older Southern States.

The bulletin also presents clearly the adaptibilities of the South for the livestock industry. The climate is specially suited, while all the necessary forage and feed crops can be grown here to better advantage than in any other portion of the country. It also is pointed out that grazing advantages can be had Summer and Winter, while the dairy and meat products and the fertilizer factors are strongly emphasized.

Above all, Southern farmers are reminded that they not only have a large market at home, but there is an ever decreasing demand all over this country for all the products which the South ought to produce in great abundance.

ALL WANT BELGIANS

Eastern North Carolina wants Belgian settlers and so does Central North Carolina. Mr. B. Frank Mebane, of Spray, Rockingham county, has an idea that the Belgians would be tickled at the idea of settling in his county, and he is so interested in getting some of the foreigners that he went to Washington to consult the national immigration authorities. He spent several days in Washington during the holidays and called on several government officials. He also visited the Belgian embassy where he looked into the possibilities of securing Belgian immigrants for North Carolina.

Mr. Mebane wanted to get on the inside, and first wanted to know whether Belgian people propose to emigrate to America in numbers and to ascertain the steps necessary to interest them in Rockingham county. He thinks Rockingham is the county they would want to settle in and several government officials became so interested in his claims that they are going to Rockingham to look over the situation. Even Senator Simmons promised to make a trip to Spray.

So insistent was Mr. Mebane, that the Hon. Anthony Caminetti, Commissioner of Immigration in the Department of Labor, decided to visit Rockingham county some time this month. Mr. Mebane wants to show him what he is doing himself, so the Commissioner can judge for himself whether Belgians can do what he is doing in the way of dairying and cattle raising. He is owner of an immense Heresford cattle farm on which he has demonstrated how successful anybody can be along that line, if they will try.

Mr. Mebane is a cotton manufacturer but he knows the possibilities of the agricultural industries in North Carolina, and with such a cattle ranch as he has on the side he will be in a position to show everybody from Missouri or Washington. It is said that Commissioner Caminetti is impressed with that section of the State, and so he is going to look into the matter personally so he can act officially when necessary. Should he be pleased, and there is little doubt that he will, it may mean much for Mr. Mebane's portion of the State.

ABLE AND FAITHFUL OFFICIAL

Closing eight years of splendid service as solicitor of his district, Hon. N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville, retired with the passing of the old year to the ranks of private citizenship. Term after term he served, being repeatedly nominated by his party, usually without any contest and being elected without any serious opposition, until last year, when he declined to stand for the nomination again, preferring to devote his entire time to his private practice.

Mr. Sinclair's friends, and they are legion, know that he tried hard to do his full duty, without fear or favor, and they know also that no man in a similar capacity in North Carolina has more completely measured up to such a standard. They know, too, that it was not always an easy task, that sometimes obstacles were thrown in his way even by those who should have been expected to cooperate with him sympathetically in his efforts in behalf of law and order. Sinclair made good, and his friends and supporters may well congratulate him that after such a long period of distinguished service he could retire, of his own volition, deserving at the hands of his constituents the plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

In Mr. Sinclair, the State had not only a faithful and zealous official, but one of distinguished ability, brilliant in intellect, thoroughly versed in the law, powerful in argument, tactful and resourceful. In point of ability, he stands in the front rank of North Carolina lawyers.

Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain, lawyer, beauty and equal suffragist, argues that if women voted there would be no more war. That might be some inducement, but, er-er-wouldn't it bring on a new war of words?

LET US PROTECT THE BIRDS

To The Editor of the Star:—

During the recent observance of Community Service Week, the people of the Wrightsboro school district took an advance step in the right direction. They called on their people to raise a public sentiment for the protection of the birds, and asked their school committee to confer with our representatives in the next General Assembly with a view to enlisting their interest in an effort to secure birds from destruction by shooting, trapping or otherwise, in our county, if not in our entire State, for a period of five years. They except certain birds of well known destructive or predatory habits.

I write to indorse this stand and to advocate any protective measure of the kind which may be introduced. At the same time I realize the opposition which will be awakened.

There are some hunters who are judicious sportmen, and are careful to shoot only the recognized game birds. But to every one hundred of this kind there is doubtless a score of nearly all ages, sizes, colors, and conditions which infest the woods and roadsides, and destroy every bird that can be brought down by gun, air rifle or sling shot. Every observant person familiar with the facts knows that our birds are sadly and rapidly becoming fewer in numbers. The flit of bright colors, the cheery note, and the prolonged song of many birds that were formerly at home in our woods, and in the trees of the city, have become practically a thing of the past. The saucy and fussy English sparrow is blamed for sending many birds to the backwoods; but the birds are not found in the backwoods and there are not many to be sent anywhere. However, I should like to see the English sparrow eliminated by any possible means.

The birds are good companions and naturally love to live near men, and sing for them their sweet songs; but we have abused their confidence in us.

There is also an economic side to the protection of birds. They used to fill the orchards of the farms and destroy mulitudes of worms and insects which now are but too often combatted unsuccessfully by spraying and otherwise. The quail is said to be the best safeguard against the menace of the boll weevil which threatens our cotton industry of the future. One bird will destroy many thousands a day. And the quail, which our sportsmen are so fond of shooting, are also recognized as a great benefit to any farm. For instance, a farmer told me of trapping some of them, and finding their craws full of young grasshoppers! If grasshoppers should have full sway in the land, the future would be dark for the farmers.

So let us meet this question of bird protection in a generous spirit, and save them, not only for ourselves, but for those who shall come after us. Many of our feathered little friends are doomed to extinction unless we are willing to come to their rescue.

Let us all, therefore, encourage the legislation suggested, and see if we shall not enjoy our bird neighbors by feeling that they are our wards, and that they will abundantly repay the protection given. Our friends of the North are calling upon us to spare the rice birds, which they know as the bright-plumaged little somgster, the bobolink.

School teachers and school children can help greatly in this matter.

ANDREW J. HOWELL

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mrs. G. M. Dorsett, who lives one mile east of this place, has sold 575 pounds of butter in Pittsboro during the year 1914, at 25 cents a pound, and also had butter for the family. Mrs. Dorsett takes great pains with her butter during the hot summer months and thereby has a ready sale for it.—Chatham Record.

There is evidence to support the belief that the farmers of the country are thinking along the same lines of land improvement as indicated by the communication from Mount Ulla. Drainage work, at first held under suspicion by landowners, has made rapid headway in public favor, and the counties are beginning to call for the dredge boat just as they called for the good roads engineer. Intime, enthis country becomes more largely engaged in stock growing, and the barren hillsides are carpeted with grass, we may again see the waters of the Catawba running blue, as they did in the days of the Indian.—Charlotte Observer.

The Morning Star and the Evening Dispatch pay handsome tribute, editorially and through contributed articles, to the late Preston Cumming, and in truth the subject of the eulogies was worthy the praise which has been given his memory. Mr. Cumming was representative of the best of all that was good in the character of the old-time Southern gentleman. He was a man of kindly disposition and of superb nature. He was a member of the Boys' Brigade in the Civil War, and he was a member of the Boys' Brigade in civil life. The burden of 72 years had bent his physical frame, but the weight of these years exerted no aging influence on his spirits and his youthful disposition. A fine character has passed out of the community life of Wilmington.—Charlotte Observer.

The letter of recommendations of the State Tax Commission for revision of the tax laws by the General Assembly is a document that will disappoint only those who were expecting less of the Commission than a comprehensive plan of genuine reform in our tax methods. The Commission did not make the mistake of interpreting the defeat of the tax amendment as an expression of complete satisfaction with existing administration of the tax laws, but on the contrary it insisted that the principle of uniform and equal taxation, which retains its place in the constitutoin by the recent vote of the people, should be carried out in facts as well as in theory. The recommendations made by the Commission for effectuating this purpose are, in our opinion, such as will commend themselves to the good judgment of the General Assembly.—Raleigh Times.

Some of our farmer friends are tickled in their sleeves when they hear the expression of "pity for the poor farmer". Why, bless your soul, honey, there never was a time when so large a percentage of the "poor farmers" had as much "money in their jeans" as they have now, war or no war. It is true, many of them only have a small amount; a few have comparatively none, yet taken as a whole, there's more money among the farmers of Nash county today tha never before. And why shouldn't there be. Practicaly every product of the farm has sold at high figures all the year; take for instance, meat, corn, wheat, tobacco, hay, lard, butter, chickens, eggs potatoes and all other artocles except cotton. Many of them are not only able to hold their own coton, but some of them are talking about buying some at present prices and not planting any next year.—Nashville (N. C.) Grapic.

Loyal Tar Heels are very proud of their State and they have a right to be. It is a great State, with a glorious past and a promising future. But, of course, North Carolina needs to keep an eye on other states and just as it can teach other states some things so it can learn some things from the other commonwealths of the nation. The state of Kansas should be able to give some pointers to almost any state in the nation in the industry of agriculture. Kansas raised in 1914, twice as much wheat as her nearest competitor, and 13 per cent more than any other state has ever produced in a single season. The value of this wheat was $151,583,031. Animals slaughtered or sold for slaughter, together with wool, brought the state $69,263,920. The corn crop was worth $50,320,141, and the other crops in proportion, the total being $376,297,718. Kansas owns live stock to the value of $261,955,494, and the grand total of farm products and live stock is the amazing sum of $638,253,207. Kansas has a population of 1,672,106, or considerably less than North Carolina has. Plainly enough she has a multitude of farmers who know how to farm according to the most approved methods.—Raleigh News and Observer.

The New York World, speaking of the President's protest to Great Britain against unwarranted interference with American commerce, says: "It is merely a reminder that the generally accepted rules of the war and neutrality game can not be flouted by any of the contending powers save at the cost of a financial accounting when the war is over." If that were all that the protest amounted to, it would not be worth much. It would be unnecessary, for Great Britain has already signified its willingness to accept financial responsibility for losses incurred by Americans in the stoppage or diversion of their commerce. The protest means far more than this. It means that interference with innocent American commerce must stop—not after the war, but now. It means that the rights of American commerce shall be respected—not after the war, but now. If the United States were to permit the extinction of its neutral commerce, with the mere understanding that Great Britain would be held to a financial accounting after the war, irreparable damage would be done. There would be no method of computing this damage in dollars and cents, even if the claim could be collected in full. There is more in the American protest than a reminder of pecuniary liability. The rights of the United States as a nation are involved. The freedom of the sea is in question. The obligation of the United States to treat impartially all nations now at war is also involved. These are questions which can not be postponed, nor can they be settled by money damages after the war. They are commingled with the war itself, and upon their just settlement depends the friendly relations of the United States with other nations. The President is to be commended for the firm stand he has taken in sending a strong note to the British government, protesting against unnecessary and illegal seizures of American cargoes. He should further make clear to that government that the United States will not consent to a continued expansion of the lists of contraband.—Washington Post.

More or Less Important.

(Cornell Widow.)

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"What for?"

"A weddin'."

"Do you have to go?"

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY of New Hanover:

By virtue and in pursuance of the power of sale in a certain mortgage made by Charles R. Mason and wife, M. F. Mason, to the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company, dated the 26th day of August, 1912, and duly recorded in Book 69, at page 268, Public Records of this County. Default having been made in the payment of the obligation secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction at noon, on the 10th day of January, 1915, at the Court House door of this county, the following described piece or parcel of land lying and being in the State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, and Harnett Township, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake at low water mark on Middle Sound, a little north of the mouth of the first Branch South of Page's creek, the corner of a tract of land now or formerly owned by Charles Waters, and running thence with said Waters' line north forty (40) degrees west one hundred and twenty-one (121) poles and two (2) links to the line (corner) of a tract of land formerly owned by W. F. Alexander, being the corner of the lands formerly owned by said Waters and B. B. Humphrey, and the said lands herein conveyed; thence with said Humphrey's line North thirty-five (35) degrees east, ninety-two (92) poles, to a stake at the mouth of Red Mill Branch; thence from this stake along Page's Creek at low water mark to Middle Sound, and thence along low water mark of said Sound to a point of beginning, containing sixty-seven (67) acres, more or less.

Dated and posted this 10th day of December, 1914.

ATLANTIC TRUST & BANKING CO., Mortgagee.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT. EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA—IN EQUITY.

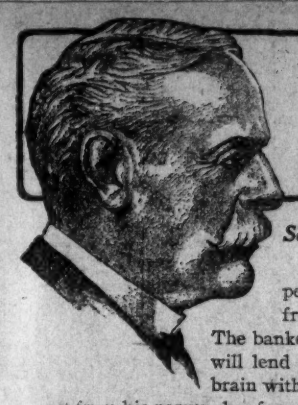
R. E. Summer, et al vs. Carolina Coast Products Co., et al.—Order Appointing Receiver, Etc.

To to Creditors and Bondholders, and all other persons having claims against the Carolina Coast Products Company.

It is further ordered that all persons, creditors and bondholders, having claims against the said defendant, the Carolina Coast Products Company, whether by mortgage, lien or unsecured claim, be and are hereby required to file the same with the Clerk of the Court on or before the first Monday in January, 1915, setting forth in detail the nature thereof, duly verified, and the Clerk is directed to make proper advertisement to all creditors of this provision of the Order.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge, of said Court, (SEAL) and the seal at Wilmington, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1914.

ALEX L. BLOW, Clerk,
S. P. COLLIER, Deputy Clerk.



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LEGISLATURE FACES WEIGHTY PROBLEMS

Senator W. B. Cooper Looks For A Busy Session

Tenth District Representative to Upper House Discusses Some of the Matters Demanding Attention.

With the passing of the holidays and the prospects and possibilities of the New Year looming up ahead, no matter of public interest is claiming more attention just now than the forthcoming session of the General Assembly, which convenes next Wednesday. Many circumstances have combined to place upon the Legislature of 1915 a responsibilities far exceeding that, perhaps, of any General Assembly in years.

Senator W. B. Cooper, of this city, representing the Tenth Senatorial District, composed of New Hanover and Brunswick counties ,and Representative W. P. Stacy, of Wilmington, New Hanover's representative in the Lower House, will leave Monday and take part in the caucuses to be held Tuesday, preliminary to the organization of the two Legislative branches. Both Legislators have been busy for some weeks preparing for the work that is ahead of them, and have been studying matters of Statewide, as well as strictly local importance. They have held numerous conferences with city and county officials, professional and business men and other interested citizens, and have also given much study to some of the recommendations or suggestions of State officials with regard to several of the more important matters of Statewide interest to come before the General Assembly this year.

Discussing the matter with a Star representative yesterday, Senator Cooper stated that one of the first matters which would receive attention, he thought, would be the proposed repeal of certain features of the long and short haul clause of the Justice freight rate measures. It will be remembered that the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce fought against the adoption of this clause, and has, since it went into effect, continued its fight looking toward a repeal of the objectionable features.

Mr. Cooper is decidedly in favor of a State-wide primary, and will support legislation toward this end. He stated yesterday, however, that if it is found impossible to get a Statewide primary bill through at this session, he hopes to have a bill passed giving the Tenth Senatorial district a legalized primary, and also legalized primaries for New Hanover and Brunswick county.

One of the most difficult problems which the Legislature will be called to face, as Mr. Cooper sees it, will be the tax question, for by reason of the defeat of the Constitutional Amendment looking to a readjustment of the system of taxation in North Carolina, the State will be called upon to meet a growing budget with only the limited mens of raising the revenue as in former years. The recommendations of the Tax Commission along these lines have been sent to all members of the House and Senate, and much study has been given the problem already, but the attiude of the Legislature can only be surmised at this time.

Senator Cooper also thinks the question of inurance rates will demand the attention of the legislative bodies. The report of a committee appointed by the last General Assembly will form a basis for consideration this year. Personally Mr. Cooper says he is of the opinion that the rates have not been lowered to be great extent recently, and if anything, possibly have been increased.

On the whole, Senator Cooper says, he looks for a very busy session, and one that will call for the exercise of the best efforts of every member of the Senate and House if the many problems to come up are to be handled for the best interests of the Commonwealth.

MASS MEETING CALLED FOR THURSDAY NIGHT

Purpose is to Discuss Problem of Unemployed in Wilmington.

A mass meeting has been called by a number of citizens to be held in the Court House Thursday night, January 7, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing plans for the betterment of Wilmington and to provide partial employment for idle men in the city. An invitation has been extended to the bankers, business men, capitalists, professional men and workmen to attend the meeting, this being signed by the citizens who have initiated the movement for holding the conference.

Mr. E. Ed Keathley, one of the signers of the petition for the meeting, stated yesterday that it had been suggested that the banks could help by lending more money to the building and loan associations, in order that the latter organizations can lend more money on lots for the building of homes. By this means, he pointed out, employment could be furnished to carpenters and this would have a beneficial effect on business. He said that there are numbers of men who wish to build homes, but are unable to get the money to do so.

Following is a copy of the petition which was circulated Thursday and the names of those who signed it:

"Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 31, 1914.

"To the bankers, business men, capitalists, professional men and working men:

"A public meeting will be held at the Court House Thursday evening, Janary 7, 1915, at 8 o'clock. You are all invited to be with us and discuss plans for the betterment of Wilmington and to provide partial employment for the idle men in our city."

The following signed the petition, which will be considered a formal call for the meeting: M. Ed Keathley, D. H. Gurganus, W. H. Styron, H. G. Saunders, E. A. Bell, J. D. Rivenbark, E. Coleman, A. Marine, J Cooker, J. R. Brown, D. L. Benson, D. Jones, J. S. Russ, J. F. Russ, D. N. Murrell, Elder J. W. S. Harvey, John Watson.

To Open In Old Building.

On account of some work that yet remains to be done on the new Williston school building for the colored pupils of the city, the students and teachers will continue in the old building, corner Seventh and Ann streets, for another week, going there next Monday morning instead of the new building.

HERE FOR FREIGHT CARGO

Handsome Passenger Steamer Will Carry Load of Cotton to Neutral European Port

Significant of the fancy freight rates being paid and of the scarcity of neutral bottoms for the transportation of cargoes to Europe is the arrival here yesterday afternoon of one of the largest and best equipped passenger steamers plying in Southern waters, to take on a cargo of cotton for European delivery.

The arrival of the liner City of Savannah, of 4,379 net and 5,654 gross tonnage, under command of Captain Nelson, here from New York yesterday afternoon, marked a new era in trans-Atlantic shipping for Wilmington. Built more for passenger service than for freight, the fact that the City of Savannah could afford to quit her regular run from New York to the Southern city from which she got her name, Savannah, Ga., and enter the trans-Atlantic freight service at a risk from sinking by contact with mines in European waters, that she could afford to carry her handsomely equipped passenger cabins empty as so much ballast, the cabins upon which previously her owners have depended for their income, that she might store a few thousand bales of cotton in a hold made only to cary a small miscelaneous cargo in connection with her passenger service vividly portrays the attractive freight rates that are being paid for cargoes carried through the waters of Northern Europe which are said to practically be alive with mines.

In tonnage the City of Savannah is the largest vessel to enter theport of Wilmington, but she lacks many feet of drawing as much water as numerous freighters which have ascended the Cape Fear river. The City of Savannah draws about 19 feet when loaded. A freighter of her net burden would have a capacity of some 30,000 bales of cotton.

The City of Savannah carries a complete wireless outfit and is computed to be one of the best passenger steamers in Southern waters. She was built in 1897 to ply between New York city and Savannah. In length the vessel is 381 feet and five inches, 49 feet beam and the depth of her hold is 15 feet and eight inches. She is owned by the Ocean Steamship Company of New York.

According to local mariners, the City of Savannah is the finest passenger steamer that has ever plyed the waters of the Cape Fear river regardless of the many passenger carrying craft that have made this port. The vessel comes consigned to Mr. D. H. Lippitt and will carry a small cargo of cotton from this port to some neutral port of Europe. The handsome vessel is berthed at the foot of Red Cross street.

It will be recalled that Mr. Lippitt recently consigned the cargo of 6,600 bales of cotton on the American steamer A. A. Raven, which was the first cotton steamer to reach a Dutch port since the outbreak of the war. Mr. Lippitt for the past several years, although a native Wilmingtonian, has been a resident of Bremen, Germany, and is thoroughly acquainted with conditions on the Continent and Wilmington is fortunate just now in having a man of his knowledge and initative to take care of a part of its cotton shipments during this period beset with so many difficulties in foreign commerce.

The exact carrying capacity of the City of Savannah is not know as she is a passenger boat attracted temporarily to the freight traffic by the inviting rate for neutral bottoms for the overseas trade. The steamer proceeded immediately to take on cargo upon her arrival here and it is expected that within a comparatively short time, she will be ready for the voyage across.

NATIONAL CHAMBER COMMERCE ISSUES COTTON INFORMATION

Copy of Bulletin Posted at Rooms of Local Chamber of Commerce

"The Story of Cotton" is the title of a bulletin issued by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, a copy of which has been received by the local Chamber of Commerce, along with all the other allied bodies composing the membership of the National organization, and the pamphlet contains much valuable and interesting information, not only to those directly interested in the cotton industry, but to merchants and business men everywhere, because of the wide influence of the cotton crop on all other lines of commercial endeavor.

The bulletin will be posted at the quarters of the Chamber of Commerce in the Murchison building and all members and business men of the city are invited to avail themselves of the information contained therein. The bulletin is the report of the standing committee of the National Chamber on Statistics and Standards upon cotton and the relations, both national and international, of the cotton crop of the United States. It is illustrated with a number of charts, and has been printed for distribution to the membership of the National Chamber.

MR. E. O. PENNY ROBBED

Found by Police in Unconscious Condition at Eleventh and Orange.

Mr. E. O. Penny was found by the police in an unconscious condition at Eleventh and Orange streets yesterday morning. He was lying in a ditch into which he had apparently fallen. His watch and all the money that he had had been taken from him and two negro women told the officers that they had seen a negro rifling his pockets and that the articles he had taken had been transferred to his own pockets. A negro boy said that he saw the negro strike Mr. Penny and that he fell into the ditch.

Mr. Penny was taken to the police station, where he soon recovered consciousness and was able to return to his home yesterday afternoon.

Henry Whitfield, colored, was arrested on suspicious of being the negro, but there being no evidence against him he was discharged.

Mr. Bell Submitted.

Mr. C. A. Bell, traveling representative of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., for whom a warrant had been issued in connection with the alleged raffling of Christmas packages of tobaccos, stated yesterday with reference to the warrant against him that upon his return to the city he readily submitted to arrest for the alleged offense, going at once to the office of Justice Harriss and giving bond when he heard that a warrant had been issued. The cards or boards furnished with the tobacco to merchants are the same as are in use everywhere during the holidays and Mr. Bell had no idea of any wrongdoing in furnishing them when requested to do so by the trade. The case will be heard on Tuesday.

BOGEY GOLF EVENT WON BY W. G. ROBERTSON

New Year's Day Tournament at Country Club.

Mr. D. W. Gross Captures Class "B" Prize—Miss Katie Grainger Takes Honors in Women's Contest—Oyster Roast

The handicap match against Bogey was the leading event at the Cape Fear Country Club yesterday in the New Year's day golf tournaments. The event resulted in a tie between Messrs. Wm. G. Robertson and Raymond Hunt and Dr. J. W. Stanly, each of whom finished one up on Col. Bogey.

In the play-off in the afternoon, Mr. Robertson won first place, Mr. Hunt second place, and Dr. Stanly third place.

In the men's class "B" handicap medal play event in the afternoon, Mr. D. W. Gross was the winner, and Mr. W. L. Waring won second place. Miss Katie Grainger and Mrs. A. B. Skelding tied for first place in the women's approaching and putting contest in the afternoon. In the play off Miss Grainger won first place and Mrs. Skelding second place.

The day was bright and clear but a biting wind was not conducive to low scores. On the whole, however, the scores posted reflect credit on the players. There were a number of players who did not post the results of their game.

An enjoyable feature of the day at the club was the oyster roast and basket luncheon at 1 o'clock. Although the air was still crisp and cold, the lunch was served under the trees in true picnic style and those who partook of the bountiful repast of good things to eat were amply repaid for their journey to the club grounds.

Class "A" Bogey Tournament

Following are the scores in the Class "A" Bogey Tournament which was played over 18 holes immediately after the arrival of the 10 A. M. suburban car:

W. G. Roberston, one up on Bogey.
Raymond Hunt, one up on Bogey.
Dr. J. W. Stanly, one up on Bogey.
W. A. Townes, even with Bogey.
A. S. Williams, even with Bogey.
J. Alan Stewart, one down to Bogey.
T. W. Strange, two down to Bogey.
H. DeW. Bapalje, five down to Bogey.
F. W. Dick, six down to Bogey.
W. D. MacMillan, Jr., six down to Bogey.
J. Holmes Davis, six down to Bogey.
Milton Calder, six down to Bogey.
R. W. Parker, six down to Bogey.
C. E. Taylor, eight down to Bogey.
J. F. Roache, eight down to Bogey.

Class "B" Handicap.

In the afternoon the men's class "B" Handicap Medal Play event was won by Mr. D. W. Gross, one of the newer players of the club, who has shown rapid improvement in his game. This event consisted of 12 holes. The second place in the event went to Mr. W. L. Waring.

Following are the scores posted in this event:

	Gross	H'dcp	Net
D. W. Gross	71	19	52
W. L. Waring	71	15	56
E. A. Metts	72	14	58
A. B. Skelding	75	17	58
R. A. Williams	80	19	61

R. L. Meares, no card returned.

Women's Approaching Contest.

The event for the ladies of the club consisted of an approaching and putting contest which resulted in a tie between Miss Katie Grainger and Mrs. A. B. Skelding and brought some very good playing on the part of the contestants. In the play-off Miss Grainger won first place and Mrs. Skelding second place. The third place was a tie between Mrs. J. V. Grainger and Miss Mary Bell which was won in the play-off by Mrs. Grainger. Following are the scores for this event:

Miss Katie Grainger	16
Mrs. A. B. Skelding	16
Mrs. J. V. Grainger	19
Miss Mary Bell	19
Miss Florence Kidder	20
Miss Marguerite Walker	20
Mrs. W. G. Elliott	23
Mrs. R. W. Barker	23

GATHERING STATISTICS.

Mr. H. Willard Bullard Finding Out About Market Conditions.

Mr. H. Willard Bullard, of the North Carolina Agricultural Department, who is gathering statistics with reference to the marketing of commodities in this State, left yesterday afternoon for Newbern after spending Thursday in Wilmington visiting the wholesale dealers. This is the first city he has visited on his present mission, but he will continue his tour until he has visited all the principal towns and cities in the State. The data which he collects will be published in pamphlet form and will be distributed to the farmers of the State.

Mr. Bullard secured from the wholesale dealers here figures as to the quanilty of products handled by them which were grown within the State and also the quantity grown outside the State for the following commodities: Apples, bacon, beans, beef, butter, canned goods, corn, cow peas, eggs, flour, ham, hay, Irish potatoes, lard, meal, oats, poultry, soy beans, sweet potatoes and wheat.

He stated yesterday that while necessarily the facts obtained by him were incomplete that they showed that less than 10 per cent of the products sold here are raised in North Carolina.

ARRIVES FROM PHILADELPHIA

Dr. J. F. Little Will Be Associated With Dr. M. M. Caldwell.

Dr. J. F. Little, of Philadelphia, has arrived in the city to be associated with Dr. Morris M. Caldwell in the practice of medicine. Announcement was made several days ago that Dr. Caldwell on account of his large and growing practice had found it necessary to secure a partner and had been fortunate in securing Dr. Little, who is an experienced and skilled physician. The style of the firm will be Caldwell & Little.

Dr. Little's family will arrive in a few days and they will make their permanent home in Wilmington. Dr. Little is staying at the home of Dr. Caldwell until their arrival.

Auburn, Ala., Jan. 1.—Athletic authorities of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute here announced today that the local institution would meet Clemson college in football next fall on October 16 at Clemson. The game was inadvertently omitted from the schedule recently announced.

JANUARY 1st, 1915

Begins the New Year, and our Next Regular Interest Quarter. A Savings Account started with this bank now means for you a good beginning of the New Year, and a start on the sure road to success. All Deposits made with us on or before Saturday, January 2nd, will receive Interest From January 1st. We hope to have the pleasure of a deposit from you at this time.

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MANY CHILDREN MADE HAPPY

Annual Christmas Tree at Salvation Army—Presents for Three Hundred—Enjoyable Programme.

It was indeed a happy New Year for the three hundred children who were remembered with gifts of various kinds at the Salvation Army headquarters yesterday afternon, the occasion being the annual Christmas tree and entertainment. There were two beautiful trees, richly laden with presents of all kinds, these being placed in the large hall at the Seaman's Bethel, corner Front and Dock streets. The affair lasted for two hours, beginning at 3 o'clock.

Besides the children there were many of their parents present and the hall was filled to its utmost capacity. Adjutant and Mrs. Mataxas were in charge of the exercises which consisted of songs, recitations and drills. There were several duets and a solo which were very much enjoyed. A drill which was beautifully executed was a feature of the programme. After the programme was completed the gifts were distributed.

There was fruit and candy for all and in addition many presents of a more substantial nature such as clothing of all kinds, shoes, stockings and other things that will aid in keeping the children warm during the cold days of winter.

Some of the children were unable to be present, but these will not be forgotten. Mrs. Mataxas was busy last night arranging the presents which will be distributed to them today.

FEWER ARRESTS THAN USUAL.

December Report of Wilmington Police Department Completed.

The number of arrests made by the Wilmington police department for December was 174, only 37 of these being white, which is considerably less than the number usually made during this month. Always preceding and immediately following Christmas there are many who fall by the wayside on account of drinking too much whiskey. This was the case this Christmas also, but the number was less than usual.

Following is the report of Chief of Police Williams for the month:

	White	Black
Drunks	3	8
Disorderly conduct	6	20
Simple assault	0	3
Assault with deadly weapon	1	22
Carrying concealed weapon	0	12
Assault on female	0	4
Gambling	12	8
Larceny	0	23
Vagrants	3	10
Nuisance	8	2
Running assignation house.	0	1
Selling cigarettes to minors	1	0
Insane	0	1
Riding bicycle without light	1	0
Robbery	0	5
Embezzlement	0	1
Burglary	0	3
Violating market ordinance	0	3
Affray	2	4
Murder	0	1
Prohibition law	0	1
Receiving stolen goods	0	5
	37	137

RECKLESS SHOOTING.

Colored Youth Will Be Arraigned Before Recorder Today.

Virgil Nixon, a colored youth, aged 16 years, will be arraigned before the Recorder this morning on a charge of reckless shooting. A warrant is also out for G. W. Gibbs, another colored youth of about the same age, charging him with having engaged with Nixon in a pistol duel on South Front street, opposite the City Market, Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The boys emptied their revolvers but without any damage except to a plate glass window of the Farris Bakery, which is just across the street from where the duel was fought. The bullet went through the plate glass finally dropping inside the show window. Mr. Farris was hit by a piece of the flying glass, but fortunately was not hurt.

Both negroes ran away as fast as they could go, but Policeman C. E. Wood arrested Nixon within an hour and he was locked up at the police station.

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

Train Will Leave Southport At 8 A. M. Instead of 6:30 A. M.

Effective yesterday there was a change in the schedule on the Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern Railroad by which the train which formerly left Southport at 6:30 A. M. now leaves at 8 A. M., reaching Wilmington at 9:45 A. M. This will make it much more convenient for the patrons of the roads.

On Christmas eve trains Nos. 3 and 4 on this road were taken off and there is now only one train each way between that place and Wilmington. The trains taken off were those that reached Southport at 10:30 and left an hour later. The fact that there was no connection made at Navassa with the Coast Line for Wilmington and the lack of business is assigned as the reason for the curtailment of trains on this road.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

WE HAVE ARRIVED AT THE GATEWAY OF 1915——

Let us start off with a spring in our step, a strong, steady purpose, and a song in our hearts.

LET'S MAKE it a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR—

It's a pretty good old world, anyway. Let's make the Most of it. So, with a growing account in the bank and a smile on the face, the battle of 1915 is Half Won!

May we See You Often, and Help You Win the Other Half!

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

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:: Great New Year Reduction ::

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ON ALL WINTER SUITS AND OVERCOATS FOR

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The Entire Winter Stock of Clothing is of This Season's Models and Best of Manufacture.

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Being Long on Christmas Goods and Short on Money, Purchasers Will Do Well to See Us, before placing their orders.

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Rush orders filled day order is received.

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Let the Cape Fear Machine Works fix that Engine, Boiler, Stack, and All That Machinery that Might Run Better.

Wire, Write or 'Phone Us.

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Three hundred bunches Jamaica Bananas.
Four thousand Jamaica Cocoanuts.
Five hundred boxes good Sweet Florida Oranges.
One hundred and fifty barrels good, sound Red Apples.
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Also Cabbage, Potatoes and Onions. Telephone 203.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Marie Yopp left yesterday for Southport to visit her sister, Mrs. L. V. Lacy.

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Mr. H. R. Aiken, city editor of The Star, returned yesterday from Hickory, where he spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Aiken.

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The children of the Cantwell, Lord and Taylor dancing school will give their Christmas soiree this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Woolvin Hall. Spectators are cordially invited to attend.

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Miss Florie Wright Northrop has returned from Charlotte, where she has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Harris, parents of Mr. Jas. P. Harris, her fiancee. Mr. Harris, who makes Wilmington his headquarters, accompanied her home.

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Thursday's Savannah News: 'Mrs. James Menzies, who is the guest of Miss McAlpin, and Miss Helen Menzies, who is the guest of Miss Edith Battery will return Saturday to their home in Wilmington. Miss Janet Menzies will remain until Thursday as the guest of Miss Patience Barrow.

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Miss Jennie Murrell entertained a number of her friends at a delightful New Year party at her home, No. 618 South Third street, Thursday night. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Games were played and refreshments were served. The New Year was ushered in with pyrotechnics.

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Maxton, N. C., Jan. 1.—At a meeting of the Merry-Go-Round Book Club held Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Major A. J. McKinnon, the hostess announced the engagement of Miss Margaret Shaw Barnes to Mr. Luther McNeill, the wedding to take place in April, 1915. The bride to be is a charming and most lovable young woman and is exceedingly popular with those who know her. Mr. McNeill is an old Maxton boy but at present is located in Western Tennessee as post office inspector.

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MISS McCLAMMY ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF FRIENDS

A large number of friends attended the delightful New Year party given by Miss Mae Lillie McClammy at her home at Front and church streets Thursday evening. There were games and other enjoyable features and refreshments were served. The party remained to watch the old year out and the new year in.

Among those present were Misses Gladys Carter, Hattie P. King, Ollie Watts Sellers, Edna Catherine Davis, Katherine King, Thelma Brooks, Lucile Page, Lillian Shepard Reaves and Messrs. Bert Shock, James Morse, Jno. F. Clowe, Joseph Sumner, LeMoyne, H. T. Lewis, Norman E. Davis, Carl A. Powers, Aubrey Macomber, Owen Clayton Fillyaw and Harry Morriss.

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THOSE DANCING AT DELIGHTFUL SOCIAL EVENT.

Among those present and dancing at the delightful social event at Harmony Circle on New Year's night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Marx S. Nathan, of Raleigh, were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Marx S. Nathan, honor guests; Miss Mamie Nathan, E. I. Bear; Miss Lillian Solomon, Mr. George Sternberger; Miss Marguerite Solomon, Mr. Wm. Rosenman; Miss Ethel Solomon, Mr. Harry M. Solomon; Miss Lucile Sternberger, Mr. Clarence Sternberger; Miss Elsa Bluethenthal, Mr. Lewis Stein; Miss Dorothy Solky, Mr. Harris Newman; Miss Florette Schloss, Mr. Fred C. Bear; Mrs. Sig. Wallace, of Statesville, Mr. Irving Bear; Mr. and Mrs. A. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Solky, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenman, Dr. and Mrs. S. Mendelsohn, Mr. and Mrs. L. Sternberger, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Bear, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dannenbaum.

Stags—Messrs. Jos. Stone, Adolph Goodman, Sig. Goodman, Louis Goodman, Jos. N. Jacobi, Joe Nathan.

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INVITATIONS ISSUED FOR YARBOROUGH-HANSON WEDDING

Beautifully engraved wedding invitations have been received by friends in the city reading as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hanson
invite you to be present
at the marriage of their daughter
Bertie
to
Mr. William Closs Yarborough
on Saturday Noon, January sixteenth
one thousand, nine hundred and fifteen
at twelve o'clock
St. Paul's Lutheran church
Wilmington, North Carolina

Enclosed are cards reading as follows:

At Home
After February fifteenth
Carolina Apartments.

Mr. Yarborough is cashier for the Atlantic Coast Line in Wilmington and is a young man of fine ability. Miss Hanson is one of the most popular young ladies in the city and has a host of friends here and elsewhere, who will be greatly interested in the announcement of her approaching marriage.

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UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE BOYS' BRIGADE

An event that attracted more than ordinary interest was the "The Dansant" at the Boys' Birgade yesterday afternoon and last evening, given under the auspices of the Ministering Circle of King's Daughters, for the benefit of the district nurse's fund. It was largely attended and proved to be a most enjoyable occasion.

The hall was beautifully decorated with bamboos and other evergreens. Tables were placed at convenient intervals for the serving of refreshments. The affair was entirely informal in every respect.

In the afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock the children were entertained. Little Miss Helen Reilly and Master Tom Wright gave an exhibition of the fox trot and little Miss Louise and Master Fred Dick danced the hesitation. An exhibition of the maxixe by the two Solomon children was one of the leading features of the afternoon.

Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served during the afternoon by the ladies of the Ministering Circle and last evening in addition hot chocolate, coffee and sandwiches were served.

The evening entertainment was more especially for the grown-ups and was in every way as delightful an occasion as that of the afternoon. Music was furnished by Grainger's orchestra which has made quite a reputation for itself for splendid music and never appeared to better advantage than last night. General dancing was engaged in throughout the evening.

Misses Routh and Margaret Bridgers, May Carmichael and Caroline Holmes, dressed in costumes, gave a beautiful exhibition, of some of the Greek dances from "Pandora's Box". Miss Louise Wise and Mr. Charles Baskerville danced some of the latest modern dances. Both these features were greatly enjoyed by the large audience.

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MISS MARGARET McLEOD CURRIE BRIDE OF MR. G. L. TROPPMAN.

Maxton, N. C., Jan. 1.—At 5:30 yesterday afternoon, in the Presbyterian church, beautifully decorated with candles, ferns and evergreens, were united in marriage by Dr. H. G. Hill, assisted by Rev. W. B. McIlwaine, pastors of the bride. Miss Margaret McLeod Currie and Mr. G. L. Troppman, of Pittsburg, Pa.

Preceding the entrance of the bridal party Mrs. D. C. McIver, at the piano, played Aterton's "Adoration," and Roberts' "Apple Blosaoms," and Mrs. R. M. Williams sang "At the Dawning," and Mrs. A. B. Croom sang "Because God Made You Mine." As the bridal party appeared at the entrance of the church the music changed to Mendelssohn's wedding march and was continued till the appearance of the bride, who came in to the strains of Lohengrin's.

In a solemn and impressive manner, with the ceremony "Woman Exalted", Dr. Hill united the couple, after which they left the church to the music of Tannhouser's wedding march.

Following the ceremony, the bride and groom drove to the home of the bride and, following a quick change to traveling clothes, left on the 6:30 Seaboard train for Richmond, Washington and then on to the home of the groom at Pittsburg, Pa., where they will make their home.

Mr. G. L. Troppman, of Cleveland, O., brother of the groom, was best man and Miss Flora Mason Currie, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Mrs. L. W. McKinnon, another sister of the bride, was dame of honor.

The bridesmaids were Misses Gladys Richards, of Adrian, Mich.; Mary McKinnon, Kate Southerland, of Maxton, and Margaret Lee Currie, of Raeford, N. C.; ushers, Ben S. Barnes, W. M. Currie, W. June McKay, of Maxton, and Archie Currie, of Laurinburg, N. C.

Little Miss Margaret McKinnon, niece of the bride, carrying a basket of ferns and white roses, preceded the bridal party to the altar.

The bride was handsomely gowned in duchess satin, draped with chiffon and trimmed with real lace, and carried a shower bouquet of brides roses and lilies of the valley.

The maid of honor had on a dress of lavender charmeuse and chiffon and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The dame of honor's dress was of white charmeuse draped with chiffon and she carried white carnations. The bridesmaids' dresses were of white charmeuse with chiffon drapery and bridal veils and each carried white carnations and ferns.

Among the out-of-town guests were Miss Gladys Richards, of Adrian, Mich.; Miss Margaret Graham, Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Currie, Laurinburg; Miss Belle McLeod and Mr. Murdock McLeod, Pike, N. C., and Miss Margaret Currie, of Raeford.

FOUR CLEAR DAYS IN MONTH

December Established a Record For Cloudiness—Normal Otherwise

There were only four clear days in Wilmington during the month of December, according to the records of Observer Felger, of the local weather bureau, and seven days that were partly cloudy. This leaves 20 days that were cloudy and on 17 of these was rain. In spite of this fact, however, the rainfall was less than the normal for the month, which is 3.12 inches, being only 2.39 inches. The mean average of the temperatures for the month was 46 degrees while the normal for 44 years has been 47.2 degrees.

The lowest temperature was registered on the 16th when the mercury reached the 20 degree mark and the highest was on the 1st when the thermometer registered 72 degrees. The greatest daily range was on the 13th, being 29 degrees, and the lowest was on the 7th with a range of only three degrees.

The total hours of sunshine for the month was 96.2 out of a possible 307 hours. The prevailing direction of the wind was from the north and the highest velocity was on the 29th when it blew 29 miles an hour.

It is interesting to note that the total rainfall for the year was 7.78 inches below the average for 44 years.

TO ISSUE NO CARDS FOR CONSECRATION OF BISHOP

Public Will be Invited to Attend Impressive Exercises

There will be no cards issued for admission to St. James' Episcopal church next Wednesday when Rev. Thos. C. Darst, D. D., will be consecrated as Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, this decision having been reached at a meeting of the committee on arrangements at the home of Capt. Thos. D. Meares Thursday night. It was at first suggested that there be cards issued but after discussion it was decided to extend an invitation to the public to attend. It is expected that the church will be crowded when the impressive exercises take place.

Mr. J. V. Grainger, chairman, presided at the meeting of the committee and the other members present were Captain Meares and Messrs. S .M. Boatwright and W. D. MacMillan, Jr., and Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, rector of St. James' church.

It has been suggested that a service be held in the church on Tuesday night, preceding the consecration service on Wednesday, with Presiding Bishop Tuttle, of Missouri as the principal speaker, and it is understood that a telegram was sent to him yesterday, asking him if he could address such a meeting. An answer is expected today.

Rev. T. G. Vickers Speaker.

Rev. T. G. Vickers, pastor of Bladen Street Methodist church, will be the speaker at the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. His subject will be "Happiness, Its Condition and Content." A vocal solo by Mrs. W. G. Robertson will also be a pleasing feature of the services tomorrow. The men of the city are cordially invited to attend.

SUNDAY SERVICES

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering: (for he is faithful that promised). And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."—Words of the Book.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor—Sabbath services. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Sabbath school at 3:30 P. M. The Miriams meet at 10:30 A. M. The Junior C. E. Society meets at 4:30 P. M. Senior C. E at 7:15 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Seats free; a welcome to all.

The special Christmas music will be repeated at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church tomorrow. This church will observe the Week of Prayer, having a service each day of this first week of the New Year.

Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian church, East Wilmington, Rev. H. W. Koelling, pastor—Sabbath school at 10:30 A. M. Preaching and administration of the Communion at 11:15 A. M. Christian Endeavor Society meets at 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public is invited to all these services.

Harnett Street Mission, Eighth and Harnett streets, Rev. W. M. Baker, evangelist in charge—Sabbath school at 9:30 A. M. Preaching each second and fourth Sabbaths at 7:30 P. M.

First Presbyterian church, corner of Third and Orange streets, Rev. John M. Wells, D. D., pastor—Services tomorrow at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Dr. Wells will preach at both services. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting at 7.15 P. M. Midweek prayer meeting on Wednesday at 8 P. M. You are cordially invited to all these services. Our seats are free, and a cordial welcome awaits you. At the morning service the Communion of the Lord's Supper will be observed.

Winter Park Presbyterian church, Rve. Andrew J. Howell, pastor—Services tomorroy at 11 A. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. The Ladies' Society will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to all these services.

Delgado Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor—Services tomorrow, Sunday, at 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 10:15 A. M. Weekday praise service Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to all these services.

Immanuel Presbyterian church, Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor. Regular services tomorrow morning at 11 and evening at 7:30 o'clock. This being the first Sunday in the year, Mr. Crowley would like to see all members of the congregation present.

Services at South Wilmington school house tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church.

JOINT NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL

Delightful Reception at Y. M. C. A. Last Evening Was Largely Attended and Very Successful.

Delightfully informal in nature and yet elaborate to the last detail, the New Year's reception at the Y. M. C. A. last evening, given jointly by the members of the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association, was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the kind ever given in Wilmington. The reception was attended by between 700 and 800 members of the two organizations and their friends. During the afternoon the Boys' Department of the Y. M. C. A. gave a reception for the Junior members of the Y. W. C. A., and this event, too, was largely attended and equally enjoyable.

At the joint reception last evening the directors of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., their wives and husbands and the local ministers and their wives, acted as hosts and hostesses. The handsome building was attractively decorated for the occasion with holly, Christmas greens, etc., and music, recitations and refreshments added much to the enjoyment of the happy gathering. Two fast basketball games also furnished entertainment for many of the guests.

Prof. Barbee's orchestra furnished music throughout the evening, and in addition a delightful programme was carried out in the Boys' department on the first floor. Miss Myrtle Vollers contributed a recitation, "The Sign of the Cross," and Miss Katherine Vollers sang "Sognia," by F. Schira. The Acme Male Quartette rendered "My Old Kentucky Home" and "Juanita."

The entire building was thrown open to the inspection of the guests and many took advantage of the opportunity to inspect the handsome home of the Association. An interest feature was the educational exhibit in the club rooms on the second floor.

At the reception by the Boys' department to the Junior members of the Y. W. C. A. during the afternoon exhibits of Scout craft, camp fire work, gymnastics were features of much interest.

Delightful refreshments were served in the educational rooms on the second floor during the afternoon and evening.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. M. Christian, of Charleston, S. C., is visiting his brother, Mr. W. W. Christian.

—Lieutenant Ljungstedt, who has been stationed at Fort Caswell for some time and who has many friends in Wilmington, left last week for Fortress Monroe, where he will be stationed in the future.

—Messrs. T. K. Woody and J. B. Williamson left yesterday for Norfolk, Va., to attend the annual banquet of the Norfolk branch of the Stieff Piano House which will be given in that city tonight. The Wilmington house is under the supervision of the Norfolk branch.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The plate glass front of the pool room of Starkey Brothers on Princess street was broken Thursday night when it was struck presumably by a whiskey bottle. The window has a small hole in it and is badly cracked. The bottle was found lying on the sidewalk. It is not known who threw it against the window.

NEGRO DIES OF WOUNDS

Roma Page, of Pender County, Died at James Walker Hospital.

Roma Page, colored, who was shot by another negro at Long Creek in Pender county on Christmas day, and was who brought the day after to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, died last evening at 7 o'clock, James Williams, who is alleged to have shot him with a pistol, is still at large, although the Pender officers have made every effort to locate him. He was thought to have come to Wilmington, but the efforts of the police and other officers have so far been productive of no results. A warrant has been issued for him in this county charging Williams with shooting Page with a pistol and also with being a fugitive from justice.

Mr. Davis Hurt by Horse Falling.

Mr. H. V. Davis, who has been employed in the city water and sewerage department, was painfully though, it is not hought, seriously hurt last night, when a horse which he was riding, fell down, throwing Mr. Davis to the ground and the animal falling on him. Mr. Davis had been called to repair a break in a water pipe in the eastern part of the city. The accident occurred at Seventeenth and Market streets. Friends came to his rescue and the police department was notified. Sergeant Howell and Patrolman Hansley carried him to the James Walker Memorial Hospital.

THEATRICAL

Mr. P. M. Comes, local manager of the Academy, considers himself very fortunate in securing the Bijou Stock Company for an indefinite run at the Academy, starting January 4th. This company is fast gaining the reputation of being the standard stock company in the South. In fact, they have had five different stock houses offered them for indefinite engagements and the fact that this city was chosen from among those offered, is considered lucky by Manager Comes. "Turn out and give the company a royal welcome and make them fel at home," the manager announces to the public.

Week-End at New Grand.

This is going to be a great week-end for the folks of Wilmington, all who love brilliant, wholesome amusement, and, of course, about every one does. Today the New Grand will offer a stupendous show of movie triumphs and so take a sure tip and be "among those present." Indications are that the theatre will be crowded afternoon and night, so be on hand early to get a good seat, and, by the way, speaking of seats, the New Grand not only has the most comfortable, but the aisles between are so wide that one doesn't have to arise when another is passing. Thereby you can have uninterrupted pleasure. Today's great show will be headed by Lubin's powerful two-reeler, "Was His Decision Right?" a gripping story of the underworld, but one with a big moral and that is wholesome in every way (the New Grand will have none other). Each of the two parts is brimful of thrilling episodes and interest is held over a precipice during the entire presentation. An all-star cast appears. Following this will come another gripper in the Biograph's "The Way Back", being the story of an evangelist who saves a young woman who loves the cabaret too much, and, in turn, when he becomes a drug fiend, is saved by the woman. It is a powerful story, and clever Alfred Paget plays the part of the evangelist, while charming, magnetic Vivian Prescott will be seen in the role of the woman.

Then will come a rousing fun film in Selig's "The Surprise Party." It is a laugh a second. So don't fail to howl over it. Patrons of the New Grand are taking a lively interest in the coming presentation of "Zudora", the latest McGrath serial film with beautiful Marguerite Snow in the title role.

Big Features at Bijou.

Again yesterday afternoon and last night the holiday crowds thronged "Wilmington's Cozy Corner" from early till late, and soon after the doors opened standing room was at a premium. There must be a good reason for this crowding and jamming—and there is. The Universal is just simply scooping everything in sight in the production of bang-up new and modern motion pictures, and the Bijou gets them right when they are newest and freshest.

Another all-star bill is scheduled for the screen at the Bijou today, headed by that great two-reel production "Ambition," featuring popular Ben Wilson with Frances M. Nelson in the leading roles. It tells a vivid story of an actress-mother who, eager to hear the plaudits of her audiences, left her husband to attend their dying child while she strutted before the footlights. Her inordinate desire for adulation by the crowds put her in a place where she would stoop to anything to bring this about, and in the meantime left her unhappy family alone, severely. It is a strong and realistic picture taken from real life, and will prove a strong drawing card on this week-end occasion, and is in two long, stirring reels.

A mammoth Nestor comedy feature with that queen of comedy, Victoria Forde, and Eddie Lyons and Lee Moran in the leading roles, is "His Dog-Gone Luck", and comes in a full reel of stirring escapades that form one of the biggest dramatic comedies that you have seen in a long time.

"Dizzy Joe's Career" is a slap-jack crazy comical offering by the Mutual, the like of which has never before been seen, and will simply convulse you with laughter, while a rousing Keystone, "A Gentleman of Nerves" winds up the rousing bill for the day.

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"Dizzy Joe's Career"
Harum-Scarum Comedy with Tod Browning and Baldy Belmont

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Nestor Comedy with Victoria Forde and Eddie Lyons.

'A Gentleman of Nerves'
Keystone Comedy Feature.

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"WAS HIS DECISION RIGHT?"
With Lillie Leslie and Josephine W. Smiley.

"THE WAY BACK"
A Gripper of the Underworld, but with a Great Moral. Alfred Paget and Vivian Prescott in the Leads.

"A SURPRISE PARTY"
Selig's Great Rib Tickler.

But a Little While Now and Then "ZUDORA."

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Jesse Wilder, deceased, late of the County of New Hanover, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Wilmington, N. C., on or before the 31st day of December, A. D. 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 31st day of December, A. D. 1914.

C. D. MAFFITT,
Administrator of Jesse Wilder, deceased.
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A CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the attendants at the James Walker Memorial Hospital for their kind services to our dead son, Marion, in his sickness, and also the many friends who were so kind to us in our deep grief, especially the gentleman who was so kind to our son on the day of the accident, in caring for him.

MR. AND MRS. W. L. THARP.

A NEW YEAR'S SUGGESTION

Open a Savings Account as a New Year's Present for yourself and for every member of your family.

DEPOSITS made now and until January 2nd, 1915, inclusive, draw interest from January 1st at Four Per Cent.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Solution of Problem to Be Found in Scientific and Skillful Diversification of Agriculture.

(New York Journal of Commerce.)

With the opening of the new year, the time approaches when preparation for the next season's crops must be made. Fertilizer must be purchased, contracts for labor entered into and acreage bought or leased for the season. These problems present themselves generally throughout the country, but they are most pressing in the South because the cotton season opens early and because there is greater uncertainty there with respect to the course to be pursued. In the North, West and Northwest, where grain and animals constitute the staple products of the farm, the future is as well assured as anything not an accomplished fact can reasonable be.

Humanly speaking, it is absolutely certain that high prices for grain and meat will be able to realize largely. The Southern planter, however, is faced by a complex problem of demand and supply which can be solved only with difficulty.

There is much reason for believing that cotton demand will be weak during the coming year. If war continues, the spindles in several countries will of necessity be at least partially idle while the buying power of the population will unavoidably be much lessened. These are conditions over which there is, and can be, no control. It has already become apparent that, even with cotton at an abnormally low figure, there is but small relative stimulus to demand, owing to the conditions just referred to. Continuation of the war will mean intensification of these influences. There will be some development of necessary demand as cotton textile supplies become exhausted, but this will be very much more than offset by the shrinkage of ordinary purchases due to the inevitable facts in the case. It should, however, be remembered that the cessation of war, if brought to pass, will undoubtedly see a great restoration of demand with resumption of manufacturing activity in many countries, and calls for raw cotton to fill shortages due to the interruption of trade and industry during the time the struggle has been in progress. Just how great a market for American cotton might thus conceivably be developed no one can even approximately compute, particularly as the extent of the demand thus exhibited will depend in no small measure upon the degree in which the foreign crop is interfered with by military operations and the indirect results of them.

The existence of a very large stored surplus at the present time is likely to be an important determining factor in fixing the acreage devoted to cotton. No one who is carrying much cotton, or who knows that his neighbors or associates are doing so, in the belief that present prices are unfavorable and in the hope that future returns may be higher, is likely to plant a large acreage of cotton unless misled into such action by total ignorance of the market situation. The fact remains, however, that many small planters do not acquaint themselves closely with the broader aspects of the cotton position. Inertia or inability to alter their methods leads them, if unchecked, to persist in the same course year after year, and prevents them from adapting themselves closely to changes in demand. There is a very material responsibility, therefore, resting upon those who supply a large part of the capital with which the cotton crop is financed to restrain of an unduly large acreage of the staple for the coming year. On the other hand, it would be unwise and absurd to fly to the opposite extreme as apparently intended by some refusing accommodation to cotton planters merely because of this year's overproduction and low prices, and so bringing about an undue shortage during the coming season with the accompanying high quotations. It is already suggested in some quarters that there will be relatively little cotton planting this year—a policy which, if carried out, would be almost as injurious in its effects as the renewed overproduction of cotton and the inevitably resulting loss and discouragement due to inability to sell at remunerative figures.

As we have noted in the past, the solution of the difficulties under which the cotton states are laboring is to be found in the scientific and skillful diversification of their agriculture. Less relative stress on cotton and more on grain and animals has already been indicated by experts as the proper course of development for the Southern States. For the coming year, the exact adjustment between the various crops is unfortunately a matter of conjecture, in which no opinion can be considered very trustworthy. The outstanding fact is, however, that entirely independent of the war and of its effects, cotton planting in the South had obviously gone too far. Had conditions been wholly peaceful the great crop of this year would have depressed prices in a very marked degree and would have resulted, in corresponding loss to those whose cost of production was at the margin of profitableness. There should therefore, be a decided reduction of acreage, especially in view of the great surplus now in hand, no matter whether normal demand shall or shall not be restored. This is not a question which can be dealt with satisfactorily by acreage limitation agreements or by legislation. The general direction of the planter's policy is unmistakably marked out for his individual action, and he should follow the course thus indicated, seeking to make himself as nearly independent of purchased food supplies as he can. In adopting and carrying out this plan of procedure, he ought to have the support and friendly cooperation of all those whose assistance is regularly necessary in "making the crop."

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. City of Savannah (Amer.), 4,379 tons, Nelson, New York, D. H. Lippett.

Standard Oil Barge No. 89, Baton Rouge, Standard Oil Co.

Cleared.

Str. Henry Williams, Huggins, Baltimore, Baltimore-Carolina Steamship Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Osborn (Danish), 1,333 tons, Jorgensen, Henry Whyte.

Str. Newstead (Br.), 1,827 tons, Willett, Henry Whyte.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 2,289 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger) 2,872 tons, Links, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Schr. Alice May Davenport, 910 tons, Wiley, C. D. Mallitt & Co. (In distress).

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 31.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Nominal.

ROSIN — Steady. Large, $3.05; small, $2.95.

TAR — Firm, $2.00 per barrel; per gallon, 8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.25 per barrel for soft; $3.25 per barrel for virgin; $2.25 per barrel for hard.

Quotations same day last year — Spirits turpentine, steady, 41½; rosin, firm, $3.50; tar, firm, $2.50-11; crude turpentine, $3.00; $3.00; $2.00.

Spirits Turpentine ..... (—)

Rosin ..... (—)

Tar 66

Crude Turpentine ..... (—)

Receipts same day last year, spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, (—) barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Spot, middling, steady, at 7½c.; last year, nominal.

Receipts, 582 bales; same day last year, 689 bales.

Total receipts since September 1st, 89,181 bales.

Total receipts to same day last year, 309,832 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Dec. 31.

Atlantic Coast Line—165 bales cotton; 2 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—108 bales cotton; 38 barrels tar.

Clyde Line—9 bales cotton.

Total—582 bales cotton; 66 barrels tar.

FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDS.

(Wholesale Price Quotations of Thursday by Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

Flour—Fancy Patent, $6.25 to $6.50 (car lots).

Corn—Domestic, $1.00; Imported, 95c.

Meal—96 lb. bag, $1.95 to $2.00.

Oats—Mixed, 60c; white, 65c. bu.

Hay—No. 1, Timothy, $24.00; No. 1, Mixed, $23.00 ton.

Middlings—$32.00 per ton.

D. S. Sides—From 12¼ to 12¾.

Plates—From 11c. to 11½c.

Lard — From 7¾ to 8c., according to quality.

Coffee—From 9 to 12c.

Rice—Broken, 3¾c. to 4c.; Japan, 4¾c to 5c. Fancy Head, 5 1-4c. to 6c.

Sugar — Granulated — Basis 5½c; lower grades, usual difference.

Molasses — Black strap, 15c; mixed, 28c; Fancy Porto Rico, 46c.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 30.)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 80@85c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 80@90c. per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good sales.

PORK—Small, 10@12 cents.

SHEEP—No sale. Lambs, $1.50 to $2.50 per head; very dull; no sale.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; dull.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, 23c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. lb.; very dull.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 15@16 2-3 cents per lb.; very dull.

EGGS—28@29c. per doz.; very dull.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 30.—North Carolina Peanuts—Market, steady; new crop, fancy hand picked, 75c.; No. 1, machine picked, 65c. per bu.

Virginia Peanuts — Weaker. New crop Jumboes, 65c.; fancy, hand picked, 60c.; No. 1, machine picked, 50c. per bu.

Spanish Peanuts—Steady. New crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, 75c.; Jumboes, 65c. per bu. All receipts, heavier.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 28. — Spanish—Farmers' stock, market quiet, 60c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock, market firm. Fancy Jumbo, 3½c. per lb.; Fancy hand-picked, 3¼c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3c. to 3 c. per lb.; Shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

Information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club cheerfully given by an officer of this bank. American National Bank.—Advertisement. tf

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

January 2, 1915.

Meteorological data for 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 31 degrees; at 8 P. M. 37 degrees; maximum 43 degrees; minimum 31 degrees; mean 37 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month to date, .00 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 23.5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair, slightly warmer Saturday; Sunday fair.

The Port Calendar, Jan. 2, 1915.

Sun rises ..... 7:18 A. M.

Sun sets ..... 5:15 P. M.

Day's length ..... 9 hrs. 59 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water.		Low water.	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	10:35	10:45	5:31	6:13
Southport	8:25	8:36	2:13	2:54
Masonboro Inlet	8:14	8:25	1:53	2:34

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

January 1, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	cldy	62	34	.0
Asheville	clear	44	22	.0
Atlanta	clear	50	30	.0
Augusta	clear	50	32	.0
Birmingham	clear	54	26	.0
Boston	snow	30	16	.01
Charleston	clear	48	36	.0
Charlotte	clear	44	28	.0
Chicago	cldy	34	20	.0
Galveston	clear	56	42	.0
Jaxville	clear	52	42	.0
Memphis	clear	52	32	.0
Mobile	clear	56	32	.0
Montgomery	clear	54	32	.0
N. Orleans	clear	58	40	.0
New York	clear	32	26	.0
Oklahoma	clear	50	34	.0
Palestine	clear	60	38	.0
Pittsburg	cldy	36	16	.0
Raleigh	clear	42	26	.0
Savannah	clear	52	36	.0
Shreveport	clear	60	34	.0
St. Louis	clear	42	28	.0
Washington	clear	34	22	.0

STUDENTS SELL BLOOD.

Odd Jobs Found by College Boys—Girls Furnish Poetry.

(New York World.)

Columbia students have found a lot of new ways of making money. The most unusual was the sale of blood to St. Luke's Hospital for transfusion purposes. One boy got $25 for eight ounces. Eighth others sold smaller quantities for proportionately smaller amounts.

Paul G. Holter, secretary of the employment committee of the university, found work for one student because he was exceptionally good looking. The exact nature of his employment is not known, but it was said that he became a "model." Fifty students altogether found places, most of them demonstrating gymnastic apparatus of one sort or another. The fact that they had to work in show windows did not deter them, Mr. Holter found.

Girls of Barnard and the teachers' colleges have had more difficulty than usual in finding employment this year. A number of them, though, have found the furbishing up of poetry remunerative, and others have been reading manuscripts. Several have taken places as housemaids, and even more are doing fancy work and sewing.

MAMMY'S $4,000 TO HER WARDS.

Former Slave Leaves Savings of Lifetime to Children She Nursed.

(Denver Dispatch to New York World).

Through the death of their aged negro nurse, Eliza Mason, once a slave, who died last month, Rice and Frances Riddell, adopted children of Harvey Riddell, a Denver attorney, will receive an estate worth approximately $4,000. The estate represents the savings of a lifetime, dating back to slavery days, and is evidenced by certificates of deposits.

Eliza Mason had been in the Riddell family for more than 15 years. She became strongly attached to Rice and Frances Bassett, children of Mrs. Riddell's sister, after their adoption, and in her will she mentioned her regard for them as her reason for making them the chief beneficiaries.

Mr. Riddell was named as executor of the estate, and he applied to the county court for letters testamentary.

Have you joined the 1915 Savings Club at the American National Bank? (Advertisement) tf

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Lv. Petersburg	11:00a.m.	10:40p.m.
Lv. Durham	7:00a.m.	5:30p.m.
Lv. Lynchburg	2:45p.m.	2:30a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20a.m.	6:20a.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45a.m.	7:00p.m.
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WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave for for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
.....	.....	.....	b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	a8:6 A. M.	a7:50 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	b10:31A.M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	11:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	2:01 P. M.	1:50 P. M.	e1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	c2:36 P. M.	c2:25 P. M.	.....
cd2:35 P. M.	.....	.....	cd3:06P.M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:20 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	7:41 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	7:20 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P. M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 51. * 6:25 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman sleeping cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50. *12:45 A.M.
No. 64. ‡ 6:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. ‡ 6:15 P.M.
No. 48. * 7:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. * 6:05 P.M.
No. 53. * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 5:05 P.M.
No. 62. * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:50 P.M.
No. 55. * 3:45 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points. Columbia, Asheville and the West. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:50 P.M.
No. 59. ‡ 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. ‡10:15 A.M.
No. 42. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. * 9:45 A.M.

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DEATH RATE DECREASING

Vital Statistics Indicate That North Carolina is Slowly Yielding to Health Work.

(State Board of Health.)

North Carolina's death rate is slowly decreasing according to statistics just compiled. These statistics are only for towns of 1,000 or more. From these it would seem that North Carolina's total death rate was 18.3 per 1,000 in 1911, 17.3 in 1912, and 17.1 in 1913. The need for more and better health work is clearly indicated by the fact that the average death rate in the registration area of the United States is only 14.6 per 1,000 as against 17.1 in North Carolina.

Upon examining the death rate for the various causes of deaths, the chief source of our high death rate is found to be due to preventable diseases, such as typhoid, tuberculosis, diarrhoeal diseases among children, measles and whooping cough, while in the old age diseases our death rate is lower than the average in the United States.

For instance, our typhoid fever death rate is over four times the average. We have over three times as many deaths from measles and about four times as many from whooping cough as we are due to have. Our tuberculosis death rate is 54 per cent higher than the average in the United States. What this one disease alone means may be better understood when we consider that this excess alone amounts to something like 1,840 more deaths every year from this dread disease than we would have if our conditions were no worse than the average in the United States, and Heaven knows tuberculosis is bad enough in other parts of the United States. The facts of the case are that every one of the 5,300 deaths from this disease that occurred in North Carolina last year are as unnecessary as the useless deaths now occurring on the European battlefields. When we consider this we should remember also that European wars don't occur every year, but deaths from tuberculosis in North Carolina are a regular occurrence. Furthermore, this 5,300 needless deaths represents but one disease—tuberculosis. There are many others, none, of course, as great, but pneumonia is credited with 2,900 needless deaths; diarrhoeal diseases among children, 2,000, and so on. Diphtheria is about the only preventable disease shown by the present report in which North Carolina has a lower death rate than the average. It appears that we probably lost only about 275 people from this cause, whereas if we had had the prevailing conditions in the United States, it would have been about 420.

The gist of the whole thing seems to be that our total death rate is about 17 per cent higher than the average in the United States. Of this our death rates from preventable diseases are a great deal higher than the average, but they are slowly decreasing. Our old age or non-preventable death rates are lower than the average. This may be explained on the grounds that on the whole preventable diseases kill our people before they get old. The redeeming feature is that on the whole our preventable diseases are slowly yielding to health work and eventually we hope to see North Carolinians live out their allotted three score years and ten instead of having so many untimely deaths as at present.

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(advertisement.)

PRESBYTERIANS ARE TO OBSERVE SELF-DENIAL WEEK

To Deny Themselves One Luxury During the Coming Week.

New York, Jan. 1.—Presbyterians throughout the country have been asked to deny themselves at least one luxury during the week beginning Sunday and to contribute the amounts thus saved towards a fund of $430,000 which is needed to pay the church debt. The request for the observance of self-denial week has been sent out by the Rev. Dr. Maitland Alexander, of Pittsburgh, moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly. It is stated by the heads of the church organizations and mission boards that because of the war and general business depression there is not a church body that has not suffered and nearly all have closed the year with a debt. The Presbyterian boards have fallen behind to the extent of $430,000.

REAL "COMMUNITY TREE"

First to Be Seen at Calypso—Under Auspices of Churches.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mount Olive, N. C., Jan. 1.—The first real "Community Tree" ever held in the Calypso section was held there Christmas eve under the auspices of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches. A beautiful tree loaded with gifts, oranges, candies, apples and other things that go to make for joy and anticipation for the little one at this particular time of the year, made glad the hearts of about three hundred children in that community; and those in charge of the arrangements have been highly complimented upon the manner in which they handled the difficult matter of seeing that all the children in the community were remembered.

In the midst of the merriment of the occasion the war-stricken mothers and children of Belgium were not forgotten, a collection of $17.70 having been taken and forwarded to the headquarters of the Belgium Relief Fund, New York.

Mount Olive Lodge, No. 129, Knights of Pythias, in accordance with their annual custom, aided materially in bringing the Christmas spirit into a number of Mount Olive homes, by distributing large basket of fruits, candies, apples and things of a more substantial nature.

SECOND TRIAL BEGINS MONDAY

Young Malcolm Gifford Charged With Murder of Frank Clute.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The second trial of Malcolm Gifford, Jr., son of a wealthy Hudson manufacturer, on a charge of having murdered Frank J. Clute, an Albany chauffeur, is scheduled to begin here Monday. The first trial took place last July and resulted in a disagreement of the jury. Since that time Gifford has been at liberty under $25,000 bail.

The killing of Clute occurred in April, 1913, and young Gifford was arrested exactly one year later. Clute was driving a taxicab and was murdered on a lonely road by a man who had engaged the cab. It was said robbery was the motive. On the night of the murder young Gifford was in Albany, a guest at the home of a college chum. It was testified at the first trial that he was seen on the roof of the residence where he was staying on the morning after the murder, and that Clute's pocketbook was found at that place on the roof.

Several school friends of Gifford testified of his strange actions on the night of the murder, and that he was missing from the dance at which most of the young students were guests. However, there was much testimony to the effect that persons who saw Clute's passenger before the murder said he was not Gifford.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 2.—The new Finley Memorial Yards, constructed here by the Southern Railway and named in honor of the late President Finley of that system, will be put into service for the first time Sunday. The new yards represent an initial investment of $1,500,000 and are designed to make Birmingham one of the most important terminals on the Southern system. The yards cover about 100 acres and contain 30 miles of track.

For information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club, Phone 110. American National Bank.—Advertisement. tf

LAWLESSNESS RESULTS IN MORAL DECADENCE

New Governor of New York Issues Warning.

Charles S. Whitman in His Inaugural Address Tells of Conditions and the Cure—Sentiment Must Support Enforcement of Law

Albany, N. Y. Jan. 1—Warning of moral decadence if the spirit of lawlessness in all the American communities goes unchecked was a strikeing utterance in Governor Charles S. Whitman's inaugural address today.

Increases of crime, he said, deserved the thoughtful attention of the legislature.

"Disregard of law, impatience with legal procedure and restraints, contempt for the judicial and executive ministers of justice are phenomma observable in all American communicaties and all classes", he added. "No material prosperity, no abounding wealth, no progress in the sciences can save us from ultimate decay if this spirit shall continue.

"The public opinion that tolerates lawlessness whether it be the lynching of the negro, the murder of the obscure or the violence atending nearly all disputes between labor and capital will inevitably engender a fatal malady, unless the quickened conscience of the American people shall call a halt.

"There is but one way of meeting the danger and that way is through the creation of a dominant and pervading public sentiment in support of the enforcement of the law. Where that sentiment is waiting no devices of the law can make up for it".

IMMIGRATION BILL THE FIRST BEFORE CONGRESS

Indications Are President Will Veto Measure if Passed in Present Form.

Washington, Jan. 1.—When Congress meets tomorrow after the New Year's holiday the paramount subject up for consideration will be the immigration bill pending in the Senate.

Senate leaders purpose to bring the measure to a vote before adjournment and expect that it will be passed with the literacy test retained.

Strong indications came from the White House today that President Wilson will veto the bill if passed in its present form. President Taft vetoed a similar measure in 1913 because of the literacy test. The Senate passed the bill over the veto but in the House the motion to repass failed.

The bill's champions predict that it can be passed this time over a veto. The vote of 47 to 12 in the Senate yesterday against eliminating the literacy test, which President Wilson opposes generally was accepted as a test vote.

Special Services Sunday.

Special New Year services will be held tomorrow morning at Bladen Street Methodist church, with the installation of the officers of the church and Sunday school as a prominent feature. The services will be brought to a close with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

New York, Jan. 1.—Pennsylvania, capturing all four points in the semi-final round of the Triangular college chess league today, tied Cornell for first place with a total score of nine games won and three lost. Brown has not yet won a single game. The final round will be played tomorrow.

BAXTERS' FOUOTH VICTORY

Two Spirited Games of Basketball in Y. M. C. A. Commercial League Series Last Night

Two fast basketball games were pulled off at the Y. M. C. A. last night after a holiday halt, all the teams having rested Christmas night. There was a large and noisy crowd that thronged the balcony and the cheers and rooting for the plays were often and spirited. The games were both close and fast passing and little rough work made them interesting to the spectators.

The first game was between Elvington and Mintz and Jacobi and went to the latter by a 17 to 15 score. Although the Medicine men lost the game yet they led all the way through the game until the last minute when Capt Hines tosed the ball into the basket making it a tie, then in rapid succession he again succeeded in caging a very difficult shot, running his teams score two points ahead of the Medicine Men and it stood at that when the Referees last whistle blew. Captain Hines for Jacobi was the big man for his team, scoring four field goals. The good guarding of K. Davis helped to hold the score low. At the end of the first half Elvington & Mintz led by four points, the score being 12 to eight, but in the second half they were not able to hold the hard fighting Hardware men and their inability resulted in a victory for their opponents. The line up.

Elvington & Mintz		Jacobi
Houston	F	Cotchett
Applewhite	F	Farmer
Westbrook Capt	C	Hines Capt
Solomom	G	Seitters
Mitchell	G	K. Davis

Score—Jacobi 17 Elvington & Mintz 15
Refree Davis Hanson Scorer Johnson

The second game was the game of the evening and was between the league leaders, Baxters, and The National Woolen Mills, going to the top notchers by the score of 18 to 12. This is the lowest score that the Baxterites have made and was due to the tight guarding of the National Woolen Mills team mates and especially when Rennie played Center against Farrar and succeeded in holding Jimmie to one lone goal all during the first half. In the second half however Jimmie was opposed by Bob Lewis and was then during the last half Jimmie was more fortunate, dropping the ball in a place that counted two points, four times. The center man for the winners made 10 out of the teams 18 points and the star will have to be awarded to him for his valuable work in that game. LeGwin for the losers was there all the time and had his man guessing, McIntyre was allowed only one goal and LeGwin rolled two. This team held the league leaders to the lowest score of the season and it looks like the Millers are going to get started, although they were very unfortunate in loosing their regular center Cole, who will be out of the game indefinately. The line-up.

National Woolen Mills		Baxters
Justice	F	McIntyre-Walker
N. Davis Capt	F	Hussey
Rennie-Lewis	C	Farrar
Lewis Rennie	G	Hanson Capt
Le Gwin	G	Stein

Score Baxters 18 National Woolen Mills 12
Referee J. P. Seitters Scorer Johnson
Timekeeper Fatty Rhodes.

Team.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Baxters	4	0	1.000
Jacobi	3	1	.750
National Woolen Mills	1	3	.250
Elvington & Mintz	0	4	.000

Damage Done by Shells from Raiding German Warships to a House in Crescent, Scarborough.

This building in Crescent, Scarborough, was torn open by the shells from the German warships which raided the east coast of England, December 16. One went through the house, which was occupied at the time. So far as the information about it shows no one was killed, though several persons were injured. Many houses in Scarborough which were in line with the German shells show as much damage.

IDLE MAN'S BANNER IS THE CAUSE OF TROUBLE

New York Police Break Up Parade of Unemployed.

Offending Banner Carried by Member of Parading Party Did Not Read to Suit Police—Stipulated Place for Charity to Go

New York, Jan. 1.—New York's unemployed began the new year with an outdoor meeting that ended in a dispute with policemen who stopped an atempt to hold a parade when objectionably worked banners were flung aloft.

About 700 idle men and women gathered in Union Square to listen to discussion of their welfare. The police did not interrupt the meeting, but later ordered the dispersal of marchers who aparently intended to parade to Harlem headquarters of the league of the unemployed.

The inscription on one banner read: "Homeless Men, Revolt". Another announced "To H—With Charity". This banner George Druer, 22 years old, a cook, was told to haul down.

The police said Duer obeyed reluctantly. Witnesses declared the police clubbed Druer. He was arrested charged with assault and disorderly conduct. Men and women who attacked the police to liberate Druer were driven off by reserves.

STOCK LAW IN DUPLIN LIVE ISSUE AS EVER

Mr. Wooten Promises, if Elected Speaker, Not to Oppose Duplin on Floor.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 30.—The question of stock law or no stock law which has been so freely agitated since the law making Duplin county stock law territory was enacted by the last Legislature, is now as live an issue as it has ever been, and it is almost certain that the session of the Legislature which is to meet in January, will again consider the matter, and this time give the people of the county an opportunity to vote on the question, which is the part that has caused the high feeling that has existed, and which played such an important part in the election in November.

Several meetings were held by the anti-stock law people, and the question of placing an anti-stock law ticket out was very strongly considered, but the Democrats incorporated a plank in their platform covering the matter, and petitions were placed in circulation with the promise that if the Democratic nominees for Senator and Representative were elected, and petitions properly signed by a majority of the qualified voters of the county were presented to them, they would secure an enabling act to submit the question to the vote of the people. About 2,000 signatures have been secured to this petition.

Representative-elect R. L. Carr, of Rose Hill, is in receipt of a letter from Representative Wooten, of Lenoir county, who in all probability will be the next Speaker of the House, which is reply to a letter from Dr. Carr asking his position on the matter. Mr. Wooten states that he will not, as speaker, oppose the efforts of the anti-stock law men of Duplin county, upon the floor of the Legislature. It was at first thought that Mr. Wooten might oppose the matter on account of its relation to his constituency in the southern part of Lenoir county, which adjoins Duplin, but since the decision of the Supreme Court says that the free range county should be required to build the boundary fence, and Lenoir county, which is now under stock law, will be unaffected by Duplin's action in the matter, of course Mr. Wooten is not placed in the same position as he would have been had the decision been otherwise.

WINSTON-SALEM WILL HAVE PAID FIREMEN

Two Companies To Receive Salaries from Yesterday

Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 1—Effective today Winston-Salem will have two paid fire departments. This was the announcement made by Fire Chief Nissen, Company No. 1, which has heretofore been a volunteer department, has been converted into a paid company, with eight men stationed at the quarters all the time. The conversion of this company into a paid department with full complement of men makes it possible to have a complete company of fire fighters to answer all calls. It has been arranged to have one paid company and one volunteer company answer the first alarm, leaving a paid and volunteer company at the station to respond to any call that may be turned in from another section of the city.

UNION MECHANICS CAN NOT TEACH IN PRISONS

Association Will Withdraw All Employed in State Institutions.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 1.—Union machinists employed as instructors in various state prisons will be withdrawn, it was announced here tonight by William H. Johnston, of Washington, president of the International Ossociation of Machinists.

The ofrganization 'sexecutive board, now meeting here today approved the report of the association's committee to the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor recommending such action.

It was said all the instructors would be withdraw nat the same time. The involved will be consulted before a date is set.

In taking action on the subject, the executive board emphasized its opposition to prison factory products competing with the output of free labor.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 1.—A double electrocution is scheduled to take place at the State prison here early in the coming week. The prospective victims of the chair are Griffin J. Johnson, who was convicted of a murder in Burlington county, and Richard Sparks, a 17-year-old youth sentenced in Monmouth county for killing a man whom he attempted to rob.

Waterbury, Conn., Jan. 1.—Gunboat Smith and Battling Levinsky, heavyweights, fought the 12 featureless rounds to a draw here tonight. Smith was the aggressor but was unable to land an effective blow. The crowd hissed the men frequently.

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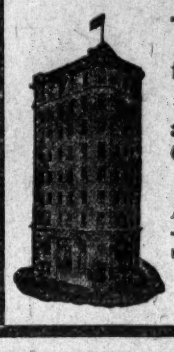

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